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主な登場人物
Main Characters

謎の冒険者

各階層に置き手紙を残す
謎の冒険者。
特技は【過去視】。

ケルベロス

言わずと知れた、
三つ首を持つ伝説の神獣。
『狭間の迷宮』第三階層の主。

木戸翔太（きどしょうた）

順平と共に異世界へ
召喚された典型的な不良青年。
実力はそこそこ。

神

順平達がいた世界の創造主。
見た目は十二、三歳の
金髪少年。

不死者の王（ノーライフキング）

『狭間の迷宮』の門番。
体は脆く、HPは限りなく低いが
物理・魔法攻撃無効。

竜宮紀子（たつみやのりこ）

順平の幼馴染であり
唯一の味方。共に異世界へと
召喚された。

武田順平（たけだじゅんぺい）

「神」のきまぐれで異世界に
飛ばされた青年。クズステータスで
役に立たないため、生贄として
『狭間の迷宮』に突き落とされる。

Prologue ▼

In a dark dim——"insides", he was walking.

Red colored surfaces, creases, and veins, maybe it was easier to tell that it was the insides of the stomach. **Pechari**, he stepped on the yellow water puddle that was like amniotic fluid.

It was like he became as tiny as a little finger, walking around inside a human body——it felt like that.

This is the different world's dungeon——that was the place, where Takeda Junpei is walking right now.

「Damn it……this stage smells very raw……」

Ahead of the tube-shaped corridor, winds that had rotten smell mixed in it brushed his cheeks.

It looks like it would not take too much time, before this stage's boss hall.

What can be felt was a very strong presence.

And the next instance, trembles that were like earthquakes echoed throughout the corridor.

At the same time that the premonition that "that" was ahead changed into conviction, a drop of sweat rolled down around Junpei's temple.

He checked the feeling of the holster that was hung from his waist. It was a truly the massive weight of steel, it was『S&W M57』forthy-one caliber Magnum.

In a blink of an eye, the corridor's outer walls——the lump of flesh

squirmed.

The flesh that was squirming on the outer walls were slashed through, and red liquid gushed out from it just like a fountain. What appeared was, a red-stained giant spider, an insect whose height was more than two meters.

Junpei immediately fast-drawed the Magnum, and at the same time, the spider's head exploded together its yellow-green colored liquid, collapsed to the ground and stopped moving.

And walking ahead for about two minutes after that, a faint light entered his sight.

Inside the dark-red room that had a radius of about 30 meters, numerous corpses. Rotting smell in the surface and smell of steel, and, the sharp scent of gunpowder.

Standing on the middle part of the room was a giant mantis. Its height was probably around six meters.

「Use skill【Appraisal Eyes】」

A window emerged inside Junpei's head.

【Crazy Mantis】

Danger Specification:
SSS

Characteristics:
Once for a long time ago, there was one that came out to the outer world. At that time, ten S-Rank Adventurers had been victim. It ruined a weak country by half, and it was finally successfully annihilated by the self-detonation magic of a hundred fifty court magicians from a strong country.

Human bodies scattered around, all of them were nude women, and their abdomens are strangely bulging.

There was only one situation that can be guessed from it..... probably, it was after inseminating.

Women that had fallen into machines to manufacture anomalies. Their eyes were dim, and their saliva was drooping from their mouth sloppily.

PikuPiku, one of the girls started to convulse, raise queer sounds. And suddenly, its abdomen was torn up, as if it flowed out, or maybe fall down, *DobaDoba*, loads of small insects flowed.

To that scene, Junpei held his nausea, but the figure of the mantis swinging down its scythe entered his sight.

There were fifteen meters of distance between them.

While that far away, the mantis casually swung down its scythe.

Junpei felt a bad feeling, and instinctively squatted down.

Hyu, the sound of cutting winds.

The sound of the shock wave passing through his head, **Pasari**, it took away his bangs with it.

「Interference with air.....long-ranged attack.....Kamaitachi?」

While cold sweat ran down his back, the mantis moved.

With speeds that can even be called as instant movements, without a running start, without notice, without a doubt, god speed.

Its scythe passed through Junpei's cheeks who bent backwards. About five millimeters, his skin was chunked off.

Blood that overflows without stop.

Up to his shoulders, he who had blood make-up instantly——jumped to his side like it was nothing and pulled the trigger of his handgun at the same time.

Together with the dry sound, about 20 centimeters of mantis' shoulder ruptured. But, the size of the opponent was……it can be compared to a tank, things like that, it would not be a fatal blow.

Once again, with the mantis' speed, giant scythes swung continuously.

——together with the sparkling flash, a high-pitched sound that was like the collision of metals.

Before it was noticed, Junpei threw away the forty-one caliber Magnum, and, exchanged it with a samurai sword he took out from somewhere.

It was a long samurai sword. The length of its blade was about, the same of his height.

After exchanging slashes for a few seconds, he pushed back the giant scythe, and, a diagonal slashing flash.

After he slashed its thorny stomach into two which was the size of an adult male, organs flowed out together with liquids.

He, who took a breath after checking that his target was incapacitated, called out to every living human in the room——he said one or two words to every impregnated girl.

The girls smiled faintly, and shook their heads as if they had given up.

Slowly——Junpei left from the side of the girls, picked up the Magnum that he threw away and pulled the trigger without an expression on his face.

**Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*.*

Total of, five gunshots echoed. And soon after that, all breaths inside the room disappeared.

And, Junpei approached the giant mantis, and mumbled this.

「Confirmed the death of the target. Use Hunter Skill【Butcher】」

The surface of the mantis' body was instantly enveloped by light particles, and changed into some created "materials".

Those became shining cards, and fell fluttering in front of Junpei.

【Predator's Scythe】

Item Rank:
Rare (**S**)

Characteristics:
Scythe of Crazy Mantis. Composed of organic matter that has lesser solidity than Orihalcon (Item Rank: Mythology Class). The difficulty for processing it is high, but it has the highest grade as weapon material.

【Sonic Reaper】

Skill Rank:
Legendary Class

Characteristics:
Long-ranged attack skill for melee bladed type weapons. Creates a shockwave by cutting through space, and makes it possible for a long-ranged attack. Effective range is more or less twenty meters. The dealt damage is, times 0.65 of normal attacks.

And there, Junpei thought.

「……【Sonic Blade】huh. Well really, I want this skill. Even though I am reinforcing the bullets with magic powers……it's about time, for the fire power of the forty-one caliber Magnum to……but, this skill……should I really……"eat" it?」

And, he immediately held the card of the『Predator's Scythe』, and mumbled as if he was fed up.

「……, it doesn't look I have time to choose what I like」

MekyuMekyu, an eerie sound echoes through.

When he looked around, the same type of mantis earlier——five of them in visual estimation.

They had just appeared while breaking through the flesh walls.

In Junpei's estimation, with his current fighting powers……even if he could fight them, two of them is the limit.

The insufficient firepower for long-ranged attacks are——it's too bad. If he only clears that, there would be many tactics available, and he can deal with them at ease.

In opposite of that, if he was surrounded by the five of them approaching——it would be "The End".

With a fed up tone he mumbles.

「Okay～. Crazy Mantis……I will……eat you」

After he held the Skill Card, he invoked.

And at the same time, the card changed into light, and its particles had started to collect towards his left hand's middle finger.

In a blink of an eye, he swung the samurai sword towards the mantises that appeared into the room.

Pan, a dry sound.

The shockwave that was created, slashed through the body of the mantis at long-range.

The remaining four mantises stopped at their foot in an instant, and then started to charge towards him.

Continuing, he swung down the samurai sword for a total of two.

Pachun, with a ridiculous sound, two of them died while scattering their organs.

And towards the remaining one——he leaped, slashed straight down with the sword stance higher than his head.

Dosari, after the last anomaly died, he started to step forward to the stairs at the back.

And there, he closed his eyes as if to think of something deeply, and checked his status window. And, laughed subtly.

「I reached over level 2500 you know……is it still going up? The world's strongest sword saint, he was 280 if I were correct? ……the

experience points of the monsters here……what the hell……is happening with it……. haha……」

After he climbed up to the stairs, he placed his hand on the door knob.

Gii……, together with a heavy sound——he talked to himself.

「……this ridiculous maze……when will it end? The skill slots…… there's only a few of them damn it……the path ahead……I can't imagine it. Just like this……can I……continue……to be alive?」

And, he looked at his own palm.

Just earlier, the middle finger that absorbed the light had changed to a purple color.

And……in both of his hands, six fingers have changed to a purple color.

But……, he thought and narrowed his eyebrows.

「I will live……I will definitely live……. I should already be, the strongest after I come out here. I will return alive……for sure. …… until I……change those bastards……that fooled me……pushed me down to this 0% surviving rate……I swear, I'll turn them into fucking pieces of meat——」

And, he continued.

「——I CANNOT DIE!」

To escape the dungeon that inhabits unbelievable, bugged creatures he was thrown into alive——

From the abyss of despair, the tale of revenge by a once,

incompetent man, begins.

Chapter 1 - Interstice Labyrinth ▼

The date goes back, the time of Earth.

During the lunch break of high school, Takeda Junpei was as usual, eating his lunch in a toilet cubicle.

From time to time, his face scowled from the bad smell that comes from the other cubicle, but even with that, it was a lot better for his mental health compared to eating alone in the classroom.

——17-years old, second year high school. Height is 162 cm, weight is 82 kg.

Until elementary school, I still should have had a decently light personality……that is what I think.

But.

This figure became a complex, that when I noticed it I already had a grim personality.

On top of that, the high school that I am currently going to cannot be praised that it is a high school with good brains, so, it can be said that it was natural to be the toys of my classmates.

“Yosh……”, he said once, returned the lunch box he had finished to his bag, and left the men’s toilet.

From behind him who was walking on corridors that has a few people to not stand out, a high-pitched voice echoed.

「Uhm……you……? During lunch, you always go somewhere with your bag, but…… don’t tell me, you’re eating your lunch every time inside the toilet by yourself?」

The one who called out like that with an amazed face was, a high school girl that had a strong light in her eyes.

With a semi-long brown hair, worn on her arm was a “School Rules Violation” accessory. She was also wearing a necklace, but all of her accessories was made up of an Asian taste.

She is wearing a long sleeved sailor uniform right now, but she likes to vintage clothes as casual wear, but well, it can be said that she was a very fashionable person.

「……」

「Hey, Junpei? Why as soon as the lunch break starts……you’d go somewhere immediately? Today, I said that……let’s eat together, right? After all this time, you couldn’t be accepted within your class……so……how I called out to everyone, how much do you think I did my best? And you return that by eating alone inside toilet, stop messing around!」

「……ut up……」

「……?」

「Noriko! I’m telling you to shut up! I’m already damn 17-years-old you know? Just because your house is beside mine and you’re my childhood friend……you’re acting like my guardian since forever! You octopus!」

While her jaws dropped, Tatsumiya Noriko made an astonished face.

But, the next instance, veins popped out on her temples.

「Because it was impossible since my friends are too flashy, you

said……that's why……this time, I purposely gathered girls and boys that look simple you know!? Because if there was only a chance to talk……you can probably get along……that effort……you, who the hell do you think you are?」

「That's why I'm telling you, that is……that is annoying, you toot your own horn! I told you that I didn't need that! Why the hell are you caring about me! Leave me alone already!」

After saying all of that, Junpei ran away.

While looking at his back, Noriko let out a deep sigh.

「Why do I care, you say……that's of course……it's because I can't leave you alone……why can't you understand……that idiot……」

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Together with the bell that announces the end of the school, Junpei puts inside his textbooks and the like in a hurry.

From behind him who had a hurried gesture, runs a sudden impact.

——a front kick to his back.

With the desk being caught up, he continued to rolled around like a ball then collapsed from his front.

Textbooks that are scattered around, because he hit the corner of his desk, pain runs to his shoulders.

In front of Junpei who was able to somehow raise his body, a man with a blonde long hair with piercings was making an unpleasant smile.

——Kido Shouta.

Probably lost with a worthless reason, he did not have two of his front teeth.

Wearing a black school uniform pants——a violet tank tops. As if to show it off, no, he had that as an appearance to show that off in reality——the developed muscles from his shoulders to his wrists, was giving the people who saw them an abnormal feeling of oppression.

「Hey hey, you Piggy? Why the hell are you hurrying?」

Junpei's face was dyed with bluish-white. And together with that, Kido's laugh was getting stronger.

「Uhm……e〜to……」

While muttering, Junpei was petrified in his place.

「Well, whatever, and with that……bring it to me」

When Kido ordered his delinquent subordinates, it looks like he took it out from somewhere, he wore gloves made with nylon.

And after a while, a wet ragged cloth was brought.

The distance between Junpei and Kido is about 3 meters.

To the rotting smell that stinks, Junpei felt horror.

「Be happy, Takeda……this is……you know. To the so much ugly…… it's for the sake of your beautiful face. Marinated with the cocktail of milk, garbage, and tampon that was failed to wear from the girl's toilet……letting it sleep for three days, what I made for you……a very special item」

And there, the class laughed out.

This is, Junpei's everyday life.

——weak beings, to the unreasonableness of strong beings……they cannot oppose.

The ragged cloth that stinks of strong ammonia smell and rotting smell, closed in to Junpei's face.

Gripping his fist hard, he glared at Kido.

「Oh, Piggy, what happened? Are you, speaking against me?」

"Aan?" he moved his chin upwards, and Kido started to crack his knuckles.

「……no, it's nothing」

With that action of Kido, it looks like Junpei's rebellious spirit had disappeared in at once.

Nodding very contently, Kido called out towards everyone in the class.

「Well then〜, Ladies and Gentlemen! Kido Shouta presents! Piggy's facial massage!」

Exploding laughs enveloped the whole classroom.

The ragged cloth was positioned very near his face.

It closed in for about tens of centimeters, the ragged full of filth.

「I thought of something good. Hey, Piggy……? You……your mouth smells right? Okay～. I'll also brush your teeth. Come on, now…… say "A～n"?」

There again, the whole classroom was enveloped with max voltage.

Just because, Kido is……a man that would do that seriously, and everybody knew about it.

There is no one for sure that would stop Kido's barbaric acts.

Just because, if they said something to Kido right here right now, the next target would be him/herself.

「Now now, Piggy? Say "A～n"? Don't hold back?」

With being punched, or with being brushed his teeth by the ragged cloth.

Which one would be better, Junpei thought.

If he did not open his mouth here right now, for sure……he was going to be beaten up. And after that, the ragged cloth would be forcefully plunged into his mouth.

If he obeyed and opened his mouth, the ragged cloth would be plunged in normally, but he would not be beaten up.

In any case, the results are the same……if that is the case……he, who used his abacus, nodded while opening his mouth.

「Kido-kun……do……whatever you want. I'll admit it. I'm your toy……」

「Oh～. I don't hate an honest Piggy you know? It really comes to

my crotch you know!!」

When Junpei had accepted all of it——a high-pitched voice echoed throughout the classroom.

「Stop that already! I cannot watch this!」

Right there, Kido replied as if to play the fool.

「Ooh, Isn't it Noriko-chan? I wonder what it is that you cannot watch〜?」

Ignoring Kido who was giggling, Noriko stood in front of Junpei as if to protect him.

「Let's go……Junpei」

And, took his hand.

「Go……?」

「There's no need to play around with these guys. Let's hurry up…… and go home? Your house……it's beside mine right?」

「Eh……but……if I run away from here……」

There, a dry sound echoed throughout the classroom.

It was the sound of Noriko slapping Junpei's cheeks.

「What are you saying?! From the start……aren't you running away!? Why……why until it became like this……why did you not fight back?!」

「……eh……but……but……」

「I told you many times right? To punch back……! But……I already know that you can't do that. That's why……I'll protect you……that's why……let's go. Let's go home together」

Gagari, the sliding type door opened.

From the halls to the stairs, to the shoe racks after going down the stairs. And——within the setting sun, being led by Noriko, the two went through the gate that was away from the school.

And Noriko who was not saying anything until there, said while drooping her eyelashes.

「Hey……?」

「n……?」

「It isn't much, but. A little bit, you can rely on me a little bit more you know?」

「……」

「……why……why with someone like me……?」

「In the past, you know. When I was being bullied……you, you reached out your hand to me right? At that time, I thought. That Junpei was kind and strong……that's why……you know. How you look right now……I don't want to see it」

「……」

To Junpei who was not saying anything, Noriko continued.

「Hey……believe at least this okay? I……I, at least……I don't hate, Junpei okay. That's why……please rely on me? Your efforts will surely bear fruits……that's why, together……let's do our best okay?」

Palm that was reached out.

To Junpei's heart, "Dokun", waves spread out.

The hospital that they were born was also the same……she who had spent all of his time ever since he remembers.

Just a little, a little embarrassed, to her that said that she doesn't hate him——to the different kind of emotion that I had felt, honestly, even I was surprised at myself.

And.

Without saying more than that, the two, on the way of going back from school, held their hands……and started walking.

「Hey, Noriko?」

「n?」

「Uhm……until now……I'm sorry. It was my bad. After all, things that I hate, I really need to say that I hate it right」

There, she broke into a smile, and with a wide smile, she made a gripped fist.

Kotsuri, she hit Junpei's head softly.

「If you know at least that……that is good for now! Although Kido is also too much though……well, I'll make follows properly……so」

「Un」

And, at that time, Kido who chased after them from the classroom——and his three cronies.

「Oi, wait Takeda——without permission……why the hell are you going home with a girl——」

At the instant that the two looked back, the ground was enveloped by a luminous phenomenon.

Fuwari, the feeling of the body floating.

And the hovering feeling that felt like the air and body mixing around that comes after that.

After a few instances——their appearance disappeared from there.

It boils down to a trip to a different world.

When they noticed it, the six of them added Kido and the rest were standing in a mysterious space that had white colored surfaces.

『Well then, I'll explain what's happening』

Being face to face.

The one who started talking with a shrilling voice, was a blonde boy that was about the age of 12-13.

With an androgynous face structure, blue eyes, he was wearing a very tight leather pants that was only long enough to his thighs, and a leather jacket that was also black.

A silver accessory could be also seen to from the collar of his tank top, that was like a visual-kei band-like……it would probably be adequate to call it like that.

Kido made an astonished expression, and opened his mouth.

「You are……?」

When they noticed that they were enveloped by a light, suddenly in a mysterious space, it was a situation like that.

For the meantime, it seems that Kido chose to snarl at him, he made a strong expression and glared at the boy.

「What the hell are you?!」

The boy broke into a smile.

『Ahh, the greetings should be first I guess? I am the creator of your world……well, if it was said with your general idea, you can think

of me as a God』

「……God? Haa? What the hell are you saying?」

『Un, I know. I know. I know that reaction……although? Those are really annoying』

With a very natural movement, *Pachiri*, the boy snapped his finger.

「aa……? What……is this……?」

Kido's head started to expand.

It immediately reached 1.5 times its original size——and as if it was a water balloon, Kido's head was quickly expanding.

His skin swelled while snapping, his veins popping up, and blood was gushing out of his nose.

MeriMeri.

Together with that unpleasant sound, his skin that was stretched out was torn, and grinds its surface.

It seems like the contents of his head also swelled up.

Losing to the pressure from inside, Kido's eyeballs popped out literally.

And when that popped out by half just like a ping pong ball——*Pon*, it ruptured.

From the black eye socket where the eyeball was located, sticky red liquids that was mixed with serous were dropping.

And furthermore, to Kido's nose blood, solids——a part of the brain started to be seen and mixed.

「AGHA……AA……aa……AA……AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA————!!」

And——his whole head exploded.

Blooming blood and brain liquid flowers.

Kido collapsed in his place. His body part that lost his head continued to convulse.

The electrical signals that lost their commands randomly ran throughout his body and stimulated his muscles.

BikunBikun, his two hands and two legs were springing as if they were different living things.

And——to the cheeks of the remaining five, had a make up made of blood and meat chunks.

「……」

Speechless.

They were just speechless.

Petrified……everyone couldn't move.

It was natural.

Until five minutes ago, they were just simply on their way back from school……then it was a sudden splatter scene.

Within the scent of the violence that suddenly emerged, there was no way for a normal high school student to have a decent

correspondence.

Junpei, fearfully, touched his own cheeks.

Being able to see the meat chunk that stuck like glue, confirming that raw warm feeling——and he crouched in his place and throws up.

PichaPicha, vomit mixed with gastric fluid spread and scattered.

And, even though he lost his head, Kido who was still convulsing.

The God who confirmed everyone's shuddering expression, nodded very contently, then clapped his hands.

Pashiin, a dry sound echoed.

And then——a dubious phenomena occurs.

The blood and meat chunks that splashed everywhere, started to defy physics.

Or rather, as if it was a living creature that had its own will……to the place where it was originally, it started to flow towards Kido's head.

Just like rewinding DVD, Kido's head returns back to normal.

And there he stood up, and raised an astonished voice.

「Oi……you……right now……what the hell did you just did?」

『Let's continue my introduction. Originally, I was also a normal human before you know? And……the thing you call "God" can do anything』

It looks like he had no plans of answering Kido's question at all.

And there, Junpei who was caught unaware, cautiously……with that kind of air, asked the God.

「Can do anything……?」

The God suddenly made an empty expression, and started to talk.

『Since I became a God……it has been around three hundred million years. Well, said in a word, I'm bored』

「Three hundred million years……?」

『Three hundred million times of one year. Three million times of a hundred years. Three hundred thousand times of a thousand years……if I tell you that, maybe you can imagine it?』

「Three million times of a hundred years……?」

「Haha! Well, it means like that. I cannot even die, there's also nothing to do, it is even difficult to find something to past time with——at the moment, rather than a God……it would be best said that I am a prisoner confined in a prison of time」

The God nodded as if to act like a fool.

『That's right. And, what I am looking for is entertainment. Maybe you guys know about it, but……the fantasy games that was being sold in your world for a long time ago……there's a God that has a same setting you know. If you think of it as the same as that, maybe it's easier to understand?』

「……I am sorry, I can't tell which game」

『……it's a pretty popular game though, maybe it's too old. Well,

whatever. For the mean time, it would be easier to make an example with a game right. The same with that game's last boss who was also a God, getting fed up with the normal world……it seems like he laid waste to the world using monsters. Well, I know what that feels. After all, a normal, peaceful world is very surprisingly boring from the observing side. Well, I won't be killed by a chain saw like that God though……anyways, the occupation called "God", I am really surprisingly fed up with it. I guess it was only fun during the first thousand years?』

There, when the God glanced around the group once, Noriko was making an expression that she couldn't understand it well enough.

『U～n……saying it more easier……try reading ten million diaries of elementary students during their summer vacation? You're really be bored by that right. And you're really going to be fed up with it. There's no better punishment game than that right?……that's right, that is really……to become crazy, I didn't need a hundred thousand years. A world without any event occurring is really boring』

「……I see. Uhm……I understand most of the situation……and…… I'm sorry……can you start the main subject……」

There, the God hits his hand as if to remember something.

『Ahh, the discussion has derailed. My circumstance doesn't really matter huh……that has the same level just like your lives……it is something that doesn't really matter』

Pikuri, Noriko and Junpei's ears moved.

The boy who named himself as a God, said that『The same level just like your lives……it is something that doesn't really matter』as if it was natural.

『And with that, the explanation of this situation. You guys, from the dimension line that I made, you are now summoned to a little far phase』

「……summoned?」

『Saying it in a very simple way, though……well, it's the video game that is my hobby. Un, the world that sent you off really made a very good thing. Really, you really did your best. Finally……finally…… humans have……made tools that is useful for me……unswerving determination……three hundred million years……』

The God kneels in his place as if he was deeply touched, he coved his eyes as if to hold his tears, and started trembling.

Seemingly really touched, tears even started to flow from his eyes.

「I'm sorry, dear God……the main subject……」

『Ahh, once again, it had derailed huh? And……that kind of story, there's a lot of them right? A story about a fantasy world that has a middle ages view of the world, and to defeat the demon king, a hero was summoned from the present day……well, it's a very common cliché stereotype』

「Summoned……?」

『Un. Summoning of the Brave. From the world outside of my manage, a demon king appeared it seems. The King from that side's world……it seems he wants you guys. And then……well, I own you guys are supposedly……it is treated like that. And then…… it's on me whether I give the permission for the teleportation magic alright?』

There, Noriko interrupted. It seems like the murder scene of Kido earlier was too much of a shock, her face was white as a ghost.

「You're God right? Then……can you please hear and grant us our wishes? We only……in Japan……want to live peacefully」

『Ne～, did you know this?』

The boy, continued with an innocent smile.

『――Gods in your world……is really, hearing your wishes. But then……? They are just, really……beings that are made for only that. There are absolutely no miracles that were granted from a wish』

「Certainly……there was no miracles that happened in reality, but……. You as a God……if you really, really exists……then, why is it like that……?」

『Well, that's a nonsense question again. Whatever you do, it's a waste in the end, in the first place, there is nothing fun about it, not even one. By billions, no, quadrillions, astronomical figures more than that, try being prayed by living beings that many. Can you deal with all of those problems?』

「But, you're God right?」

『Haha! Un……let me think. The common worries of a high school……diet, love success, tens of millions of orders, deal with each of them? Don't you think that they're too much of a nonsense?』

「No, maybe you can ignore things like that……but even so, people that have incurable diseases or children that suffer from hunger……u～un, there are more――」

The God interrupted Noriko's words.

『Saving them, then? They're going to die someday so it's just a waste. In the first place, it's not fun』

And, he broke into a smile and continued.

『Well, in short. In the early days when I just became a God, I granted so many wishes I would get fed up. That's right, I got literally fed up. That wouldn't even become a way to past time』

「No, but……」

『U～～n……. although I explained it properly there's still something? I really don't understand what you're trying to say……』

The boy with a serious face, started to think while placing his hand on his chin.

Ahh, this isn't going anywhere, the group were at their wit's end.

The boy that said that he was a human before——Our God's morality and normal way of thinking, it might have been destroyed from a long time ago.

Right now at this place, the basis for his action was if it was going to be a way to get past time or not, that was all it was.

And when Junpei was thinking about it like that——the God suddenly, laughed out as if he was happy from the bottom of his heart.

『Let's return to the topic……it's about the summoning right? And……it is seemingly fun……that's why, so I permitted it. I think you know this, but……you have no right to refuse』

They were really shown an abnormal phenomenon since earlier, but Junpei was, honestly……doubting if he was really a God or not.

How can he say this……his actions are very light.

Casually, saying unbelievable things, he seemed to be doing everything he likes to.

But even though, there was a lot of things that he wanted to say to the boy in front of them, but there was no way for Junpei to say anything since he was shown a fantasy phenomenon right away.

But, only Kido there was, once again……lashes out at the boy.

「Oi, telling fucking gibberish since earlier……in the first place……」

The God shook his shoulders as if he was bored.

『Hm then, you want to try once again? I shut out your pain signals the last time, but……this time increased for about ten times』

And with that, Kido, after letting out a small groaning voice, shuts up.

Confirming the group that was keeping silent, the God nodded deeply.

『Well then, I'll continue explaining. I'm going to send to to a different world right now, but……there's a lot of rules on that side, that is very different from this side』

「Rules……?」

『Yes yes. This is a status plate you know……』

To each of the six people, one for each, a metal plate that was like a chocolate bar was given.

When he looked at it, there was an entry of his name, Junpei.

『Ahh, before I explain. In the end of that status, there are entries for the skill right?』

As he had said, on the lowest part of the status plate, there was an entry【Appraisal Eyes (Super-class)】.

『Well, to you guys who are suddenly sent to a world like that, I feel bad for you a little. That's why, well, it's a present from me. Genuinely……you can take it as of goodwill』

『By the way……』, introducing with that, the God explained the skill ranks.

Firstly, the skill has five levels of ranks.

–Beginner-Class
–Skilled-Class
–Master-Class
–Heroic-Class
–Super-Class

That was all that there was. Specifically, although it is depending on the type of the skill, Skilled-Class has the same level of an Olympic athlete.

Giving an example with Katana Techniques, Miyamoto Musashi would be a Master-Class……he said.

『It means, the Super-Class of【Apprasing Eyes】is a very decent level. You guys, just by seeing, you can find out the enemy's details and the effects of items respectively. This is pretty much……a good present. To the person who knows it's value……it would have that limitation though』

After making a face that didn't seem to understand quite well, everyone started to check each one's status.

And immediately, Kido threw a question towards the boy.

「And……basically, the guys of the different world……how many are their status?」

『The average for an adult male that is a civilian, you can think of their HP, 50 more or less. The other status would be around 20 mostly』

Kido who heard that, reached out his status plate towards the others.

【Kido Shouta】
Job: Magic Swordsman
Level: 1
HP: 300
MP: 0
Attack Power: 0
Defense Power: 50
Evasion Efficiency: 35
Skill: Appraisal Eyes *(Super-Class)*

"Ohh", the group held their breath.

「Is it maybe……I'm pretty much a cheat?」

『Un, you're pretty much……you're on a good line』

With that declaration, Kido nodded contently.

And the cronies statuses also, although they are a bit inferior to Kido, even in level 1, they are already outdoing the status of the

civilians.

『By the way, you can't get experience points other than killing monsters or "humans", it means levels and statuses would not also increase. Also, by touching the monsters and "humans" that you killed, they're butchered automatically……and they are going to be a drop item, so……things like items, or things like materials……or things like meat』

Kido and the rest were starting to get a blast with their statuses, and did not hear what he said right now.

「Uhm……did you say humans……? And……meat?」

Without replying to those words of Junpei, the God continued to explain.

『By the way, by using the bonus points that you get from leveling up you can get strengthened……it's that kind of system. Depending on your Job, the bonus points that you can get are different. And then, Kido-kun? If I'm right. You are an advanced Job which is a Magic Swordsman, so there would be 15 points added every 1 level up. That one who has a brown hear that looks stupid is only a Swordsman, so……about 10, well, somewhere around that』

And furthermore, Kido and his cronies got noisier.

「As I've thought, I……I'm pretty much a cheat huh?」

「Kido-san, you're really awesome!」

And, there, the status plate that Junpei held was stolen by Kido.

As soon as he checked the numbers, Kido suddenly laughed out.

That status plate was immediately passed around his cronies.

At the same time that they finished checking, one of them, and one of them again, started to laugh out loud.

And that was really natural, what was written was just like the following.

【Takeda Junpei】

Job: No Aptitude
Level: 1
HP: 15
MP: 10
Attack Power: 5
Defense Power: 5
Evasion Efficiency: 5
Skill: Appraisal Eyes (*Super-Class)*

(Skill Slot: 10 Remaining)

And there, Kido who had tears swelling up out of laughing, started to ask Junpei.

「Although the status itself is too ridiculous……no, in the first place……no aptitude……what the heck is that? It means you're jobless? No, well……it's amazing……it really suits you though…… Pu!……Kuku!……」

With those words, Kido and the rest started to laugh out loud while hugging their stomachs furthermore.

「No……Kido-kun……I also have no idea of it though……」

There, the God said in between with a voice without intonation.

『Well, jobless so there is no color, you can get your skills freely…… it also means like that though. It's written, remaining slots right?』

「Get skills……?」

『Normally, two or three skills that are for the job……you can get them together with the level that is raised. And then……in your case, there is no color that is why, it means that you can steal the skill from the enemies that you defeat. Ahh, the enemies……they also include humans』

And there, "Ah!", Kido held his breath.

「Is that, maybe……is it a very strong ability?」

『The thing that you call a rare skill, normal monsters doesn't have them. For example……if it was the demon king that was mentioned, there should be a really good ability, though……』

"And", he continued.

『To gain a skill, you need to defeat the enemy by yourself. I wonder, can you really do that? And also, I told it earlier, monsters that have those very strong rare skills, their existence itself, are very rare』

And……with a chuckle, the God said.

『Well……even though I said that, it's not like there is no clear path for you to become a strong being……you have a chance you know? A dungeon that there are enemies that are normal……and then, there……if you can do it very well……maybe……you know』

"Fumu……", after he thought for a while, Junpei said.

「When I defeat an enemy, what should I do……so that I can steal

their skill?」

『In your case, a skill card would come out. You should only hold that with your hand, and just invoke——whether you eat that skill or not. And then, look at the fingers on your both hands?』

「Fingers on my both hands?」

『The things that are called a skill, are skills and techniques. And different to other animals, what makes a human human is……first is intelligence, and the dexterity of their fingertips to use tools, you know that right?』

「Yes, well……yeah」

『That is why, your fingers as your skills slot. Literally, you should use your the skills that you gained as they were your fingertips』

And, at that time, Junpei noticed that Noriko's face colors exceeded getting blue, and became deadly white.

When he thought about it……since it became the topic of the status plate, she had not said a word.

Receiving the dubious sight of Junpei, Noriko whispered fleetingly.

「Hey……for the meantime, you know, Junpei? Kido and the rest, with somehow, a game-like feeling……it seems like they hadn't noticed though……probably……from now, a very……dangerous world, it is that we're going to be sent into」

「Yeah, I agree」

「And……we……from now on, we're going to need to rely on Kido, I think. According to our abilities……it's like he's, our ace……you know」

“That’s why”, Noriko continued.

「……let’s do our best together okay?」

「……?」

To her expression that was showing sorrow, when he tried to called out what it was about, the God ended the series of his explanation.

『And then, that’s about it, everyone……please be careful!』

The particles that they are made up of were changed into light.

After a flash that blinds their eyes, the only one that remained in that space, was only one boy.

Without no intention of saying it to anyone, he whispered while he gloats.

『Jobless, namely……skill hunter, Takeda Junpei-kun……. Actually, for a little……I can see the future. That dungeon is outside my management, so I don’t know what’s going to happen next, but…… if……it is going to be a fun……I’ll go out and play. Well then, have a good trip……』

【Tatsumiya Noriko】
Job: No Aptitude *(Village Girl)*
Level: 1
HP: 10
MP: 5
Attack Power: 5
Defense Power: 5
Evasion Efficiency: 5
Skill: Appraisal Eyes *(Super-Class)*

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——The Interstice Labyrinth

That is, from a few thousand years before, the dungeon that where all kinds of wicked beings that overflowed the different word was sealed into.

As the impregnable dungeon, once in a few hundred years before, it was in the limelight.

And the result of that, whimsical renowned adventures, at least a hundred and ninety four that was recorded only in the remaining history, had entered this labyrinth.

And, the survivors, are zero.

The adventurers prepared with the likes of grimoires of return in the middle of the way, and others, assuming all kinds of situations they got ready and challenged the labyrinth.

But, though, even whoever it was who entered, even whatever they had and entered, their fate was unknown after that.

There were a lot of times when an S-Rank Class adventurer who was the strongest as a single person that challenged the labyrinth, but——the result, was as the history says.

In the first place, it was abnormal that all various kinds of return magic could not be activated.

A curious, order of magicians of a King's research institute from somewhere, the result of their observation from outside of the labyrinth, they had concluded that that labyrinth was something that is connected to a different world phase.

The summoning of the Brave from a different world as the best example, in the parallel lines of the dimensions exists various kinds of worlds.

It means, it is the entrance of the labyrinth and at the same time, it is out of this world, and not even that world's, or maybe, it is this earth, and it is also that earth……and you will be sent to that kind of place……they said.

And with those kind of reasons, this labyrinth, is currently being called as the Interstice Labyrinth.

But, though, it is only being called by the name of Interstice Labyrinth, by the means of a very popular common sense.

In the near settlements, that labyrinth is called from a long time ago, as the Labyrinth of Sacrifices.

Why, you ask why it is being called as the Labyrinth of Sacrifices.

It is a very short story. From long before, it is the labyrinth where the overwhelming out of this world wicked beings that almost destroyed the world is sealed within. And the curse that overflows from that labyrinth, causes the crops failure, natural calamity, and the flood of monsters and the like to the nearby villages……and, to evade that, there is a need to send a sacrifice to the labyrinth…… they said.

——long story short, the system of human sacrifice, is still currently being passed on until now to the surroundings of that labyrinth.

「……then, gramps? Why should someone from us should be chosen as a sacrifice? Well it's true, that if it goes like this……there's nothing that can be done with a crop's failure……」

While he was narrowing his eyebrows, Kido presses his question to the Elder Chief of the village.

Inside the log house that was about the size of a fifteen tatami room, the kinds of furnishing goods are all in tatters.

On top of the table, there was tea and cheese that was placed, but the cheese was spoiled, and blue mold had covered its surface.

There was no doubt that he had intended to prepare the highest grade that it was possible, but he is called the chief of the village even with this, so it is easy to find out how much of a predicament this village is in.

With a very serious face, the Elder Chief threw words towards Kida.

「Brave from another world……originally, you are used as a strategic weapon of wars between countries, and that is how the world goes……you know that right?」

「Yeah, but, everyone of us……are unusable guys, so we're sent to hunt barbarians around this frontiers right? I mean, the thing called as defense team it is」

Kido is, well, was going pretty good as a Brave, but……the total battle strength, as a party, it was pretty much like that, so…… because of that, the group, with a general circumstance, was sent towards this frontier lands from the royal capital altogether.

「It is how you've said. And, all of you……are only, people from a different place. If it was like that, it was natural for you to become sacrifices」

There, Kido smiled provocatively.

「Even if you said that, I……and the three remaining, well, they're being of help right? Then, without me……you want to go subjugate barbarians? The defense team is annihilated……it would be the words afterwards you know?」

There, *Gugu*, the old man's shoulders trembled.

「That is true, you guys……the Braves from a different world……you have strength that is far more stronger than the humans in this world concealed within you」

「Then……」

And there, the old man stopped Kido with his hand.

「It is about……that man」

「Ahh, Piggy……about Takeda huh?」

「Think of your, and his status」

There, Kido closed his eyes and called out his status window.

【Kido Shouta】
Job: Magic Swordsman
Level: 12
HP: 400
MP: 0
Attack Power: 150
Defense Power: 50
Evasion Efficiency: 35

Kido was, as to show his offensive personality, used a lot of his bonus points to attack power. And, Takeda Junpei was as follows.

【Takeda Junpei】
Job: No Aptitude
Level: 1
HP: 15
MP: 5
Attack Power: 5
Defense Power: 5
Evasion Efficiency: 5

Saying it very clearly, even compared with this world's common standards, Junpei's status was garbage.

「Well, Piggy's like that, so……if you really insist, it's not like I won't approve it though」

At that time, to the Elder Chief's log house, *KonKon*, there was that knocking sound.

The one who entered was, carrying firewood, and covered with soot……it was junpei who just ended his farm work.

His clothes were like ragged cloth that was patched, it was very crude.

Because the school uniform and t-shirts, the clothes that were made synthetically were rare, it was sold for a high price as the research materials of alchemists.

And because of that, his cloths were from the start, it had been exploited by Kido from a long time ago, and during their days at the royal capital, it disappeared as Kido's entertainment expenses.

「And……why am I called here? I'm in the middle of farm work though……the issues concerning all of us, everything……it should have been entrusted to Kido……」

“Fumu”, the old man nodded.

「Honestly speaking……you know. In the first place, I was thinking that you’re the best for it」

「……the best for it?」

「You also, know about the Labyrinth of Sacrifice right?」

「The one being said……that it needs sacrifice regularly……?」

「And also, it is the season for that……it is unbearable to send villagers. And if it was like that, one of you will……」

There, Junpei shook his head sidewards.

「Something like that, isn’t that……too much?」

“That’s right”, the old man nodded.

「You are a hard worker. Honestly, with that weak body……it is amazing how, you did your farm work until now……I can even think of it like that. Hard workers are treasures of the village after all」

「No, I’m doing my best, because……Noriko……told me, that……do your best, she said……」

There, the old man nodded once again.

「And, if it was like that……the sacrifice, would be that woman」

「That woman……Noriko?」

And there, Junpei, remembered Noriko’s status.

【Tatsumaki Noriko】
Job: No Aptitude
Level: 1
HP: 10
MP: 5
Attack Power: 5
Defense Power: 5
Evasion Efficiency: 5

This was also truly, a shitty status.
By the way, the following is how the normal village people at level 1 is.

Level: 1
HP: 50
MP: 10
Attack Power: 20
Defense Power: 15
Evasion Efficiency: 10

At the point where he understood what the Elder Chief was saying……Junpei gripped his hands.

After all, whatever world it was, the order that comes from the higher person was absolute, and, the Elder Chief himself, was not saying a ridiculous thing.

It's only that, the priorities were the problem.

And with that , it was natural for Noriko to be in the front line.

But.

Summoning up his courage, Junpei said this.

「Sacrifice……I will be……the one」

「But, you……」

「It's something that can't be helped right? Then……instead of Noriko……I will……」

With those words, Kido nodded with strong emotions.

「Takeda……you……you changed ever since we came here right?」

「Changed……?」

Breaking down his usual oppressive expression, a gentle, and friendly expression it was that he made.

「Serious more than anyone……I knew how you've been working」

「But, that is, because Noriko said "do your best"……being sent in a place like this suddenly……that's why, it's times like this that, I should do what I can do. That's why, I……did all that I could…… and let everyone see……」

「In the past, I'm sorry I bullied you……I, respect you. That's something that can't be done normally……a survival rate of 0%…… I don't know what's happening inside, but……normally, you'd die you know? Really……are you fine with that?」

「But……I, for Noriko's sake……」

Placing both hands on Junpei's shoulders, Kido continued.

「Un……you……you're so cool……I'm sorry I bullied you until now」

「Hey……」, Junpei, said to Kido as if to beg him.

「Only to Noriko……can you keep quiet that I'm going instead of her? With her personality……she might say that she'd go instead……absolutely……I think she'll say that」

「……yeah」

Sadly, and inconsolably, Kido nodded to Junpei's words.

The entrance of the Labyrinth was, in a place that was around tens of kilometers to the side of the village's roads.

As they get closer to the labyrinth from the village, the trees' colors had gone thinner, and just like the ginkgo before fall, a golden yellow color enveloped the surroundings.

Even though the season was only early spring, he felt discomfort with that, but they said that the ones like the wicked gods that were sealed inside the labyrinth were spreading and scattering curses usually.

As a matter of fact, it had a huge effect on crops, so was convincing.

While thinking of that, Junpei follows Kido and the rest who was leading.

Kido, Kido's three cronies, Noriko……and, Junpei.

With somehow, since they came to this world, a lot of things happened.

Even though they should've been called as Braves, to the frontier lands……as if to have a good riddance they were driven away.

And the ones who have statuses that can fight were only Kido and his cronies.

“I don’t want to be someone who couldn’t do anything and cannot be of help, no, it’s not enough with that……”, because Noriko said that to him, Junpei, unusual of himself, since they came to this world, had continued to do his best.

And finally, between the gaps of the trees, a rock surface that was like a cliff appeared.

Gaping, the mouth of the cave was opened, and from the darkness of the abyss, a cold air that almost froze their backs was flowing.

There, Noriko opened her mouth.

「But, Junpei……you……are you really okay with that? Even if Junpei was the one who was chosen……but, even so……I can go instead you know?」

Shaking his head sidewards, Junpei stared at Noriko.

——the childhood friend that thought of myself for a very, very long time. I don’t think that Noriko has the same feelings as me, but—— even so, the girl that I loved.

「It’s something that couldn’t be helped」

With a very serious face, Noriko continued.

「But, I should, after all……」

And there, Junpei shouted.

「Enough, I told that I’d go right?! I was the one chosen! It’s not

you!」

To the ferocious expression that Junpei showed after a long time, Noriko was overwhelmed and backed off.

「……un. I got it」

And, the group, one by one, entered the cave while docking their body.

Junpei, for him to go to his death place.

The persons other than him, to see Junpei off.

They entered inside, and followed the rocky surfaces that were lighted by the lantern.

And not for so long, they came out to a circular hall that had about a ten-meter radius.

A white line was drawn in the middle of it. Kido who confirmed that, stood before the white line.

「This labyrinth is, in between that world and this world……it is called as Interstice Labyrinth. This line is……what separates here and there……it means like that」

Everyone looked at Junpei. Receiving their sights, Junpei nodded.

And, without hesitating, he raised his right leg……and stepped over the white line.

What exceeds the white line was half of his body.

Right now, in the middle of that world and this world——just exactly, Junpei was in between the interstice.

「Un. There was a lot that happened in Japan, but……ever since we came to this world, I thought that we're comrades you know? Everyone, thank you, really. But……if you can, please don't forget about me……」

While turning back, to Junpei who said that with loneliness, Kido laughed.

「And, with that——A BIG SUCCESS————!!」

The group, was enveloped in laughs.

「Eh……success……you say?」

And there, Kido embraced Noriko.

And, the two kissed with their lips.

A deep kiss using their tongues——after embracing for a while, creating a line with their saliva, the two's lips let each other apart.

「I'm sorry, Junpei——we're, going out」

What they were talking about, Junpei who could not understand, could only be petrified at his place.

「Eh?! Eh?!」

"Hey, you know……", Kido opened his mouth.

「In a real meaning, you're really useless you know. Girl's can have children right? Noriko is……well, she might be not that good, but, the seed is excellent, there's no way that it could be useless. Although……that Elder Chief……he's stupid, so he wouldn't listen to what I say……?」

“And”, Noriko continued.

「It’s even called as a sacrifice. If it was forcefully……they said that the effects are weak you know? Until exceeding that white line…… if it wasn’t of your will, it would be very bad they said」

Kido shook his shoulder.

「And then, it’s like that, so——self-candidacy, thanks for that」

“But……but……”, Junpei said roughens his voice.

「But, Noriko, you told me……that you didn’t hate me……that’s why, I……I did my best for you……」

While widening her eyes, Noriko said.

「Un, I don’t hate you?」

And, she continued.

「But, I don’t like you either」

As if to refuse those words, Junpei continued.

「But, Noriko……Noriko……I……you protected me from everyone’s bullying……」

“Un”, Noriko nodded.

「In reality, looking at that kind of things are disgusting you know? It’s not like I, hate Junpei. And also, normally, we’re childhood friends that know about each other……right. Really, even right know……what’s important is still important you know?」

「Then, why……?」

To Junpei who was asking as if to beg, Noriko said clearly.

「At that time, because I was on a safe place……I didn't need to throw you away, that's why I protected Junpei」

「……?」

「But, you know? In what world, where your own butt is on fire, would a stupid person protect an incompetent? It just means, that it's like that」

Cold, just cold, Junpei who was pierced through by her cold stare, almost collapsed in his place.

「In the past……before……when Noriko was being bullied just like I was……it's because I saved you……you said, you said that I'm kind……that's why……you said……」

And there, Noriko, what she was holding in until now……what seemed like that, hugged her stomach and started to laugh.

「Really……Junpei's really kind. That is really……too much that it's so funny. Ne～, you know? Being kind is……」

And, she continued.

「——With a bad meaning, and a meaning without salvation——is only stupidity you know?」

「……Aa」

With those words, something inside Junpei was broken.

And, what had not yet entered the white line——to his stomach that

had not entered completely, Kido released a kick.

「And with that——go and enjoy a labyrinth tour! You pig!!!」

Following the physics rule, Junpei staggered to his back.

And that instance, on the ground when he had noticed it——a wall was made tracing the white line.

——He was shut out.

Without delay, the only way to survive this labyrinth, is to reach the deepest part.

——And just like that, Junpei's rise in a different world, had started.

Chapter 2 - The Undead King ▼

Advancing relying on the lantern's light.

After getting through the hall that continues to the back, a door can be seen.

It was a wooden door, and it had an impression that it was a little old. Even though they said that it was there for thousands of years before, there was not a critical deterioration from aging.

Gii....., together with that heavy sounds, scenery that spread.

Although there was no light source, for some reason, the surfaces was illuminated by light. And, as far as it could be seen, there were numerous skulls that had scattered.

For the mean time, I stored the lantern to the item box.....or the mysterious space called by that.

By invoking it, a one-meter cubic box appears, and disappears after storing. The capacity also, increases in accordance with magic powers. If it was a high-levelled court magician, it is easier to give the example that it has a storage capacity of a few Tokyo Domes.

——I wonder what theory is it working on.....

Well, that, anyways.

Junpei was speechless.

Not to the skulls that are scattered all over the place, the reason why he's surprised was——it's wideness.....that's it.

There was enveloped by a cold atmosphere, a place that was like a dome-shaped limestone cave that has a radius of 300 meters.

Until earlier, from the cave that he walked together with Kido and the rest, it is hard to think that it was directly connected there.

As expected of being called as Interstice Labyrinth, in the way earlier, there should probably have been a shift of dimension.

「That being said……what a numerous number of skulls……」

Everywhere you look at was white bones.

Their visual estimation is……it couldn't even be guessed.

——0% Survival Rate.

I felt the weight of those words and understood. And at the same time, my heart tightens itself.

——No Job Aptitude.

——Level 1.

——Shitty Status.

And——0% Survival Rate.

Within those skeletonized bodies, there should have been famous, and confident adventurers.

Most probably, even if Kido stepped into this labyrinth……the result would be……

In the data right now, however he thought of it, he could only imagine his doom coming, whether it will it be a few hours later, of

tens of minutes later.

And, there, Junpei's eyes widened.

——not even tens of minutes later, or a few hours later……"that", entered the room within a minute.

When he noticed it, "that" was there.

Green liquids overflowing from "that"'s body.

Wearing a tattered mantle, flies all over "that"'s body. Yellowish brown colored rotten meat, full of white maggots wriggling.

And, "that" raised up its scythe that was covered by blood rust. It's mouth that was lacking its cheeks, looking ahead to him, he felt that it made a grin.

——Activate【Appraisal Eyes】.

【No Life King (The Undead King)】

Danger Specification:

SS

Characteristics:

The gatekeeper of the Interstice Labyrinth. One that had resurrected by receiving the blessings of an evil god from the dead. Just as it has died already, its body is brittle, and its HP is very low. But regardless of that, this monster, to the attack that it had recognized——it means, it was granted of a deadly characteristic of physical and magical attack nullification, it is impossible to wound it by normal means. The parts that it was attacked will be converted to darkness particles, becoming a waste of efforts. In addition, even if it was defeated, that individual would only disappear, and after placing a cooling time of a few months, it would resurrect using a different corpse as a vessel.

“Oi, oi”, an unpleasant sweat ran through Junpei’s sides.

「SS Danger……if I’m correct……even the demon king is recognized as only S right……? No, in the first place, I had never heard of that rank……? I mean, what do you mean by attack nullification……”that”, from the start……what the hell is happening……in this labyrinth」

When he turned to his right, Junpei ran at the same time.

While crushing the skeletonized bodies, he ran using all of his strength.

After the running movement for a few seconds, when he glanced back——

——in the very front of his face No Life King’s scythe was swung down.

「Hya……」

A hot impact ran through his shoulders.

It hurts……rather than that, it was only really hot.

Fresh blood that splatters, chunks of meat that flutters away.

Junpei who lost his balance, *Zuzaza*, he slipped on the ground as if to slide head first.

While trying to fall safely, he made a front posture.

At the looks of the wound, from his shoulders to his chest, it was cut open for about ten centimeters.

In accordance with the pumping of his heart, the blood stream was gushing out like a fountain.

And, he looked up towards the attacker.

The No Life King, raised up its big scythe——and the target of that scythe, was my head it seems.

——ahh, it's already……over.

A blink of an eye when he thought of that——the floor collapsed.

This is something that he was not aware of, but, originally, that ground, had the death battles between numerous adventurers and No Life King——it means, because of the effects of a wide-scale bombardment magic, it is full of holes.

For good or for bad, the place where Junpei slipped into was——a hole that was has a radius of about a meter that was gouged out from the ground by that small-scale bombardment from a long time ago, and it was a brittle ground made out of piles of bones.

The bones were crushed and destroyed, and just like that, fell in accordance with gravity.

Roaring sounds.

His back was hit a lot of times.

Underground space, with the collision of the ground there, from Junpei's lungs, air was let out without caring for his will.

At the same time, *Mechari*, an unpleasant sound.

It was the sound of his a few of his ribs being broken.

The wound on his shoulder, and crushed ribs.

From his brain, the electrical signals that are being sent——it could not any longer process the concept of pain, he was in that kind of situation.

When he looked up, the No Life King, looked down him from the edge of the hole——and, after a glimpse, he saw its appearance of going away.

It was unknown why the monster left without pursuing an attack.

But, still, regardless whether there is the monster or not, it did not change the fact that his life was in danger.

——the loss of blood……it's the worst.

From his shoulder wounds, he could feel his quick decreasing body temperature.

——ahh……it's already……I am……

And just like that, Junpei's consciousness blacked out——it mixed with the darkness of the horizon.

「n……」

When he noticed it, Junpei was surrounded by a space that was covered by silver colored particles.

The silver particles sway faintly, but it was basically a space that was surrounded by jet black darkness.

It looks like, this floor was constructed two-staged, and the ground that he was on is the upper stage, and the place where he is right now is the lower stage.

「It's a limestone cave even below……」

The cool air felt good around his wounds.

And there, Junpei immediately checked his shoulder wound.

「Uwa……what……is this」

Under his tattered clothes, it can be seen that his wounds had closed, no, more accurately, it was closing.

His flesh, was wriggling that it can even be seen, and the pink colored skin system is being covered by a red color.

And, only around his wounds, that the silver colored particles that were flying around since earlier had a strangely deeper density.

He raised his upper body, and noticed further strangeness.

「My ribs……if I'm correct……earlier……it sounded bad……right?」

But, even though he raised his upper body, there was no pain at all.

「What is the meaning of this……」

The space where silver colored particles flew around, was a half dome that had a radius of around five meters.

When he looked around, he saw one piece of paper that almost changed into brown colored probably because of aging.

「……?」

Junpei started to read that.

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Haha! Hello, nice to meet you.

Welcome to this crazy labyrinth……would it be better if I wrote that?

To you who had come to enter this place……are you an adventurer that is confident in your skills? Or maybe, a very cute stupid lamb that was fooled? Or maybe again, just simply, a normal villager that was sacrificed?

Well, that doesn't matter……after all, including me, we're all going to die.

Weak beings, strong beings, they equally……die with everyone.

There's, only the way to get crazy. Haha!

And, it's really sudden though, my special skills are the【Appraisal Eyes】and【Past Peek】abilities.

My skills as an adventurer is……can you tell if I say around level 200? The continent's sword saint, they say that he's more or less level 300, so……well, I also pretty much had stopped being human.

And……I'm telling this myself, but I have the confidence that I can clear whatever labyrinth it was. No, I had the confidence.

After all, I can look through whatever trap there is using【Past Peek】, and I can also know the trends of monsters. And with that, my level.

If I focused on running away, I couldn't lose, and I can't die.

But, here's a tiny bit……too heavy I guess.

I'll honestly acknowledge this.

I underestimated it.

Anyways, you who had reached this place is very lucky.

After all, very quickly, you were able to reach this place that is a safety area.

By the way, there is absolutely no chance of monsters coming in this place, and it would also heal wounds naturally. Why this kind of space exists……someone's, from somewhere, past time……I mean, mercy I guess.

Be relieved, or even while drinking a coffee, I want you to read this.

And, with that, for the adventurers that would come later on, I will leave this note.

The monster that encamps in the first stage……did you see it too? That's crazy.

It's like when you feel like other people's misfortune tastes like honey, if you see "that" attacking a human from the side, you'd laugh your ass out while drinking something like whiskey.

After all, attacks doesn't have any effect.

Whatever you did was only a waste, whatever you do doesn't have an effect.

Even the Holy Sword isn't good enough, even the highest level of lightning attack isn't enough, even status ailment wasn't enough.

Even the angry attack of Brave-sama couldn't have an effect.

——literally, all attacks would be devoured by the Undead King's attack.

And, well, it's really easy looking at it from the side, but the side that are being chased by that, is……they couldn't stand that.

And……it's no doubt since I saw with【Past Peek】. Really, whatever you do has no effects.

It's exactly, the thing called a nightmare, hahaha～.

That's all, good luck!

……well saying just that, is you know, too much, so.

I'll leave all information that I can.

Only in a few times, there was a time that it was subjugated.

That's right, although attacks doesn't have an effect……there was a case like that.

But, because it was at the end of the large scale magic after a huge battle with heat explosions, I couldn't confirm the specific way to capture it.

What was common with them is, it was after bombardment magic that it couldn't be confirmed of what happened, of in the middle of a melee……that's about it.

The drop item exceeded rare rank S, it was national treasure class to mythology class. Probably, the experience points gained too…… even I who had exceeded level 200, would probably raise by a 100 more. Well, it has that much difference in dimensions.

By the way, to the ones that are unrelated with adventurers……to the pitiful guys that were sent here, I'll teach you this.

The difficulty of gaining items in this world is as it follows.

–Normal

–Rare (up to Rank E – D – C – B – A – S)

–National Treasure Class

–Legendary Class

–Mythology Class

And, the drop items that comes out from No Life King are……all of them are irresistible items that you would be desperate to obtain, but, if you have confidence in your running speed……I recommend that you should honestly run away.

In fact, I am also planning to do that.

For start, as far as I was able to look at past examples, it has the average of one minute before he appears after leaving this safety area.

And within that time……run with all of your strength.

In the ends to the east, there are stairs that lead to the next floor. If you pass the door through there, it seems like it would be outside of his management, and wouldn't chase you any longer.

That's why, I recommend that you run away from this floor.

Well then, I really wish you good luck.

In the next floor, I'm planning to leave a similar note, but……if it wasn't there, just because it wasn't there, please imagine a lot of things happened.

Well then, Adios.

By the way, this place only heals your wounds naturally, but your stomach gets hungry so be careful!

Based on what I've seen on【Past Peek】……no, there's no need to look huh. Those who died by hunger, well, it's as you can see.

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After finishing reading it, Junpei lets out a sigh.

When he looked around, there were around 20 skeletonized corpses in the silver colored space.

Even if you'd stay in this place that is a safety area, the end is the same.

「And……if it was like that……as this person had written……I should go towards the end to the east」

Very kindly, the writer wrote on the ground a sign of which way was east-west-south-north.

——Is he just a kind person, or, a person that is was in a good mood as he had written, or maybe……does he have a different aim.

"Well, that is good enough", Junpei stood up.

「In the end, if it was clear that staying here will only lead to death by starvation, it's better to move forward quickly」

He then walked to the end of the space that was covered by silver colored particles.

——as far as I was able to look at past examples, it has the average of one minute before he appears after leaving this safety area.

Just by looking, it was still 300 meters before end wall to the east……if it was a normal person, well, it wouldn't be time out, but my body figure isn't great.

But, If I didn't do it, I'd just die.

Taking a crouching stand position, when he was going to dash with all his powers.

「……wait a minute? The No Life King that I saw earlier with【Appraisal Eyes】……his abilities……nullifying damage, HP is very low……and……brittle?」

Standing on his place, Junpei started to think.

「Even though it nullifies attacks, why is it brittle?」

"And……", he continued.

「Nullifies attacks……but……in a few cases……there was some case that it was subjugated, he said……it's true……that there was really a case that it was defeated……right?」

And there, inside Junpei's head, he remembered a feeling as if pieces of puzzles had fit, or maybe, entangled strings are unraveled.

……think……think……Takeda Junpei!! This is most probably the first crossroads on how you are going to survive from now on

——HP is low. Its body is brittle. But, it cannot die. Why is that? Of course……because it has an attack nullifying skill.

——but……if I believe was is written in the note, to kill that……is possible. Why is that? One that cannot be killed by any attacks is killed……. that requirement is……explosion, and……melee……

And there, “Ah……!”, Junpei held his own breath.

——it’s true, that if it was just like how I guessed……within the situation of exploding magics and melee, that is possible.

——But, I can’t use explosion magic. In an alone situation, plus…… with my shitty status. I cannot create the situation of a melee.

And——I looked up to the ceiling.

From the ceiling holes that peeks from different places, there is light passing through. I remembered the monster that is clad with rotten flesh earlier, and my spine shivered even though I was in a safety area.

“But……”, Junpei’s mouth grinned a little.

——It’s possible……it’s possible with this! If my guesses are correct……even if it was me……it is possible……I think.

——the problem is, how brittle its body is……that is it. By the effects of the explosion magic created by adventurers, if that phenomenon happened, then……maybe it might be possible.

——even if I created the same situation……how much would be the damage dealt? In the first place, it’s a gamble either my guess is right or not. Even if it was correct……it would be a gamble again after that……

——it’s true, that if “that” was defeated, I can look forward to a huge increase in levels, and if there was even a drop item…… maybe, to advance from now on……I might be able to prepare though……

There, Junpei shook his head sidewards.

「As I've thought, I should stop……huh. In the next floor, maybe…… a more simple……an easier way to do it even with me……there might even be a monster that even I can……」

If it continues like this, even if he stayed here, he would die of starvation……that is for sure.

And, in reality, even if he went to the next floor……he would only be, killed by the monsters there……

That is something, even Junpei understands.

But, still……if there was a ray of hope.

A simpler than here, a safer……levelling up, and, complete equipments and skills, and then……if there could only be a preparation he could do for advancing forward.

Even how low the probability it would be, even how optimistic of a view it was……that probability, as long as the possibility that he could do that on the next floor is not 0…….

At that instant, Noriko's side face appeared on Junpei's mind.

『But, you know? In what world, where your own butt is on fire, would a stupid person protect an incompetent? It just means, that it's like that』

Junpei thought.

He didn't know when Kido and Noriko started to go out, but at most, she was……she wasn't a girl who wouldn't throw me away that casually.

But, in reality……she threw me away.

Or maybe, Noriko had despaired to her own status, and used her weapon as a woman, to gain the protection of strong beings.

And……that is right.

It was truly right, and a choice that had an unreasonably good persuasiveness.

——weak people without any power……would only be trampled.

This is not Japan, it is a different world. If I do not change……I would only, be deprived of.

「To notice a very natural thing at this late……being thrown into this kind of place……on top of that……this “look”」

A scar on his shoulder that was deeply gouged.

The wounds in his body had closed, but probably because of the blood he lost, his knees were trembling as if to laugh.

“And……”, Junpei spread out his hands, and slapped his own cheeks with all his will.

「Oi, did your head rot? Takeda Junpei!! If it were the monsters in the next floor, maybe it might have an easier requirement, you say……there’s no damn way right?! This is ……0% Survival Rate you know?!」

And, he shouted.

「Level 1, on top of that……shitty status, in this situation without any skill or anything……even if it is very little……if there’s a chance to win……IT’S ONLY NOW!!」

And, he checked the bare rock that was like a spiral staircase that continues to the place where he got face to face with the monster earlier.

“Yosh”, he nodded.

It looks like he can go up using that.

And furthermore, he checked the faint light that leaks from one part of the ceiling.

And, the place where that light settles to——the terrain of the limestone cave right beneath it.

——I don’t know what’s happening above, that’s also a gamble.

“But”, Junpei heartens himself.

——take a step forward!! Go over your death relying on a faint light……!! To survive……!!

And just like that, Junpei took a step out from the safety area.

What covers the surface around were skulls.

Junpei who dashed towards the top stage with the speed he could make, reached the position that he had simulated in his head.

And——when he noticed, it was there.

A rotting corpse clad in tatters——No Life King.

As the main perpetrator that made the dead bodies in this place, a monster that had a danger rank that was above the demon king, with its characteristics of not receiving any attack.

Normally, it is not something that Junpei who was level 1 and has a shitty status can do anything with.

——But, I have a plan. Expectation and prediction, conclusion after conclusions. Stepping on many layers of thin ice, and not go through even so. An operation that wasn't reliable as a spider's web.

But, if I do not do it rashly here……not gaining the experience points from subjugating the No Life King, and not gaining its drop items will……they would be absolutely no way of moving forward from now on.

「Earlier, as soon as we met……you really did me something huh, you rotten fuck」

To Junpei's words, the No Life King's mouth distorted.

It raised its huge scythe that was thirsting for blood, and to gain new blood rusts——the rotten corpse moved.

「Come now! Straight ahead just like that!」

And, in the instance that the No Life King reached one meter before Junpei, Junpei shouted.

「It's Bingo! You fucking bastard!」

Together with his words, the ground collapsed.

Earlier, just like the time when Junpei fell——it stepped through the piled bones, and the No Life King fell.

Junpei raised his thumb finger upwards——and turned it at once, pointing his thumb finger downwards.

「You also……become a damn chunk of meat……!」

From the hole that was created, he checked what was happening below.

The place where the No Life King fell, was the terrain of the limestone cave, it's characteristic, a blade-like, or maybe a thorn-like sword mountain was created there.

And, while the No Like King was impaled, *BikunBikun*, it struggles in its place while scattering green colored liquids, and finally died.

Junpei, lets out a sigh of relief.

Written in the【Appraisal Eyes】ability was that the No Life King nullifies the attacks that it recognizes.

But, only in the cases where there was melee or explosions, that it was subjugated.

It means, if it was an attack that it couldn't recognize, it was impossible to nullify.

Being caught up by the explosive winds, and falling from that, or maybe, an unexpected attack during a melee.

That was most probably dealt a fatal blow.

And, right now, the situation that Junpei created, that was——

——falling to death.

Even within the subjugated cases, most probably, during ridiculous fierce battles, or at the end of a melee, this situation had happened.

If it was like that, its body that was very brittle and has low HP, it would have gone to die just like this time with one hit.

Junpei who went down to the spiral staircase, touched the No Life King's corpse.

And then, a warm feeling spread throughout his body.

The experience points, means to stealing the life power of the living being that you killed.

It means that this warm feeling was the No Life King's experience points itself.

He took out his status plate, and checked.

「Haha……this is really ridiculous……seriously……it's too much…… but, thinking of it differently……raising by this much, this monster's just that strong……huh?」

In that plate, Level 178 was written.

The remaining bonus points that can be used was 885.

And there, the No Life King's body disperses, and scattered cards shining with light to the ground.

That is what you call this world's drop item, and it is something very convenient that it would materialize if you invoke.

–S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (Item Rank: National Treasure Class ※Bullets are reloaded using magic powers)

–All Status Ailment Resistance (※It is only resistance, not nullification)

「Why is a handgun is in this world……well, as expected of an interstice world……there's a lot of things in it」

For the mean time, he materialized the handgun and placed it in the pocket of his tattered clothes.

「【All Status Ailment Resistance】……what should I do……」

And there, Junpei picked up the last one card.

【Undead Meat】

Item Rank:
National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
Meat of the No Life King. Inedible. Because a human corpse was tinged by the fierce curses that the evil gods of the labyrinth emitted, the monster that sprung forth was a No Life King. Naturally, its meat is a block of curses, and the ones who devour it can gain a special ability. Specifically saying, the body composition changes, and as the same as an undead, your body ■■■■■.

There, Junpei grinned……and distorted his mouth.

「Status ailment resistance comes……and the next is this huh. This is yeah……the timing is too good. Well, the attack nullification ability of the undead not coming out……is really shameful……」

There, he made a sullen face.

「Although……if I eat this meat……probably……no……it would be relying pretty much on luck, but……"the possibility to escape this labyrinth" should appear」

And, while saying that, he materialized the rotten meat.

Full of white maggots wriggling——a meat covered with yellow liquid.

And, while hesitating, he took out his status plate.

The level up bonus point was 885……

「Even so……I don't want to eat this……and……this is originally a human corpse right? Are you serious……this is……an ultimate choice……oi」

At that time, inside his head, just a game——he felt like choices had emerged.

Would you like to stop being a human?
Yes | No

Without saying anything, he put all of his bonus points into speed——he placed them to dodge efficiency.

And with that, to one of his only ten skill slots, without hesitation, he placed the【All Status Ailments Resistance】.

「But……really, with this strategy……would it have an effect? If it can be done properly……it's possible, but……I don't even know what kind of place the next floor is going to be……if one unexpected thing happens……it's "The End" you know?」

"But……", he gripped his fist.

——it is a paper thin chance, but……if it's just like this, 100%, I'll die in the next one……if that's the case.

And, if it was a game, he had chosen his choice like this.

Would you like to stop being a human?
Yes | No

Bi, he felt like an electronic sound echoed in his head, and finally——he started devouring the undead meat.

He drank the rotting blood.

Around his mouth, chunks of meat that was mixed with white maggots got stuck.

Coughing many times, but still, he continued to eat the rotten meat.

That's right, in the next floor——to survive.

——Kido……Noriko……you guys, you fooled me. Knowing on top of it that I would surely die……you fooled me……if then, if it was to survive, rotten meat, human meat, whatever it is……I'LL EAT IT!!

——I……I……

While swelling tears of blood, he shouted in his place.

「——without fail……you guys……I'll turn you into……chunks of meat……!!」

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ:　1 → 178

取得ボーナスポイント:　885

ステータス

職 業 :　適性なし　　レベル:　178

ＨＰ :　15　　ＭＰ :　5

攻撃力:　5　　防御力:　5

※サブ武器併用時：175

回避率:　890

装備

メイン:　なし

サ ブ :　S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム（国宝級）

※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

スキル

（スキルスロット残9）

◉鑑定眼（超級）

◉全状態異常耐性

属性

不死者の王

※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、■■■■■となる

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 1 → 178
Bonus Points Gained : 885

Status

Job : No Aptitude Level : 178
HP : 15 MP : 5
Attack Power : 5 Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped : 175
Evasion Efficiency : 890

Equipments

Main : None
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening

Skill (Skill Slot: 9 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)
All Status Ailments Resistance

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, becomes ■■■■■.

Chapter 3 - The Giant Beetle ▼

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Haha! What's up, brother? By the way, this note is only an imposition.

The wise gentlemen such as you, had succeeded running away from the No Life King, and was able to reach here somehow.

By the way, I am not still sure, but this labyrinth, it looks like..... there's a safety area placed in all floors just like this one.

And, this is the second floor, a huge jungle that is about a four-kilometer square.

Things like mammals and things like reptiles, there isn't animal types like that, but, no, really, what the heck is this made of.

Thanks to the splendid plant called Light Moss, it seems like the plants in the forest can photosynthesis, though.....

But, have you noticed? This floor's jungle have a forest, but there's no animals.

But, well, anyways.....there's a lot of insects you know.

Un.....there's insects right?

——that's right, there's insects.

Eh, insect, insect, insect, I'm too insistent, you say?

That's true, you gentlemen that haven't seen would think of it like that〜. But, if it was the people who saw them, they would

absolutely wouldn't say I'm insistent.

After all, if you haven't seen the insects, you'd be really lucky, that means.

Well, the preface is enough with that.

Anyways, I'll introduce the crazy monster on this floor.

In the first place, you know? The thing called beetle, licks sap, it's a kind bug like that.

Then, why would it attack with a gigantic body, you say?

Eh? Why is it that, whatever you do……it wouldn't get a scratch, why does it have that kind of demonic armor you say?

You gentlemen that have already encountered them should be able to hear those kinds of voices!!

Then, let me answer!

Haha! The answer is simple.

——that is, the Interstice Labyrinth. There isn't a better answer than that.

No, it could only be answered like that.

Haha. Really, it puts you on a good mood right.

I cannot do anything about this living creature. No, normal guys cannot do anything.

That's right, that gigantic living creature that has a body length of more than twenty meters is……it cannot even be wounded decently

by normal adventurers.

Let's talk about this honestly okay?

In this second floor, the adventurers that have entered, most of them had been annihilated.

Just since, it could be wounded even a little……different from the No Life King, most probably, they didn't focus on running away.

The damage gets through or not, that difference is big.

But——they are tough. Super tough.

And they're not simple sand bags.

With our attacks……to kill it……it's impossible.

A few hundred slashes, from someone around Level 200, it wouldn't even give a shit.

Eh? Why do I know that, you ask?

——in fact, it's because I tried it of course.

It's easy to dodge its attack.

But, it's not like it can be dodged 100%. And, if we received an attack from them, we're instantly in the other world.

I saw it with【Past Peek】so I couldn't be wrong, with that.

Any adventurer……with the attack it releases with its horn, on the other world instantly.

That's right……only the ones who chose to only run away, the first

floor, and the second floor, they're the only ones who could clear it.

And, everybody who had seen this note, you're really lucky. After all, you already know what to do.

And, with that, I would really like to recommend it to you.

In fact, these giant beetles move slowly. Really, they're even slower than civilians.

That's right, that's a tank! Hard, Strong, Slow!

Those three were complete……that's the most important point alright?

And……these guys, different from the No Life King earlier…… they're only moving around the safety area with a radius of about ten meters.

Whatever time it is, and whatever happens, it wouldn't let the prey escape, that really shows it.

But——I who had seen with【Past Peek】.

This floor's direct north——there should be the corridor of passage in there.

The wise gentlemen such as you, would probably dash using your full powers towards that. They wouldn't be able to catch up with that speed.

After all……they're slow as a turtle.

And with that, Adios!

If there's the next volume, please take care!

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Within the smell of gunpowder——Junpei who was enduring his hunger, within the safety area where silver colored particles are flying, talked to himself.

「Run away, huh……if it was only passing through here, in only that point, I know that that is very important, imposition-san」

“But……”, he continued.

「If you only run away, somewhere……sometime……you’re heart would be gouged, that’s for sure……that’s why……」

And, Junpei pulled the trigger again after the thousands of time he did.

A gigantic beetle in front of Junpei.

Its body weight is probably tens of tons, or maybe hundreds of tons.

The broad-leaved forest……it tramples the trees, just like a tank, a living creature in a different level, with heights of five meters, lengths of twenty meters, with a very slow speed, it charged towards him.

But, the beetle couldn’t enter inside the safety area——*Don*, with that dull sound, it was knocked back.

“Ma～……”, Junpei spoke to himself.

「If it was a normal adventurer……they don’t have【Appraisal Eyes】 so they wouldn’t know, after all, it has the intensity of a monster movie」

But, the writer of this, has【Appraisal Eyes】and【Past Peek】..... meaning, he knew right?

Or maybe.....he didn't have a way to attack from long range?

Or.....no, a guess is just a guess. At the most, until now, he..... haven't been lying.

He observed the beetle, the strings of characters that appeared in the back of Junpei's eyes, their contents were the following.

【Mammoth Beetle】

Danger Specification:

A

Characteristics:

The highest grade of insect type monsters. It's massive armor, repels all kinds of physical attack and magic attacks. But, it's brain is very small, and its head isn't that good. Not withdrawing, not flattering, not caring. With its carrying fighting style, the one that it recognized as an enemy once, "it would charge against it until its life was spent".

「It was correct to put it all on speed huh.....if it was me before, I wouldn't be able to endure that fierceness, and I would be on that side in an instant. And.....other than that, it's great that I found the safety area very quick」

Furthermore, Junpei pulled the trigger of the forty-one caliber magnum.

——it's already been, more than sixty hours since he repeated that action.

The continuous charge of the beetle, and the nullification of the

safety area.

All of the bullets he could reload, he shot them aimed at its head.

Taking around ten minutes, change MP to bullets, and, reload the bullets once again.

Finally——a crack was made in the Mammoth Beetle's head armor.

「Even that is said……last time, the meaning of eating the Undead Meat last time……there was nothing, but anyways, it's good news」

*Don", the handgun's shooting sound.

And there, it pierced through the beetle's armor, and the bullet reached the giant beetle's brain.

Doshii……n.

The weight of tens of tons, or maybe hundreds of tons, had collapsed to its side.

He observed that for about an hour, then shoot bullets towards the same place continuously.

And with that, he who confirmed that the beetle wasn't moving, left the safety area, and placed his palm over the beetle.

「Well, what kind of drop item this time……?」

【Mammoth Beetle's Horn】

Item Rank:
Rare (**S**)

Characteristics:

Its hardness is about half of Orihalcon's. The highest grade weapon material that can be obtained on the earth above. A blunt weapon without processing.

【Special Armor】

Skill Rank:
Legendary Class

Characteristics:
Skill that increases defense powers by 2.5 times.

And there, Junpei only placed the horn material card in his item box, and threw away the skill card.

「……a miss huh. Defense powers for me right now……isn't needed. ……after all, every one level up……the 10 bonus point that can be gained normally……is only 5」

As an aside, skills, in the first place, isn't something that has the characteristics of materializing.

Then, why is it, that it is existing as a card right now, it's only simply, that in the succession of skills, it's just that a process like that is needed. For that, Junpei ability as a skill hunter goes through its ways to affix it, materializing(skill card) it temporarily.

Originally skills are conceptual things or concepts, so it's natural that it isn't for materializing.

And it's being affixed as a material forcefully, so naturally, even if he continued to keep it as a skill card, it would dissipate as time passes.

And, anyways, Junpei continued his words.

「It isn't normal here. With one attack here that hits the head or body, it would be over……I'll give my arms and legs……there's a place to recover after all……and for that……I can only place it all in dodging」

And there, Junpei's total 170 points on the 34 level ups this time——he tried to put all of it in evasion, but he looked ahead, and laughed wryly.

**Doshin*, *Doshin*,* together with those heavy sounds, he saw giant shadows that shine black.

「Ah～I'm hungry……, I'm really hungry……the one earlier didn't drop meat……but I'm expecting on you guys? The thing called insect, they said that it taste like shrimp huh?」

Junpei put all of his bonus points, not with evasion, but to MP.

「With this, the speed of reloading the bullets would probably increase, the power would go up too. The truth is……I'm so hungry that I want to run away as soon as possible though……」

And, he continued.

「Here……I cannot leave here」

Nine Mammoth Beetles that suddenly appeared.

While looking at them, Junpei gloated.

「After all, with no risk……a duck came bringing green onions with it……!!」

And, the one-sided massacre by the weakest boy, unfolds.

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ:　178 → 312

取得ボーナスポイント:　670

ステータス

職 業 :　スキル・ハンター　　レベル:　312

ＨＰ :　15　　ＭＰ :　175

攻撃力:　55（順平の基本値：5）　　防御力:　5

※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率:　1390

装備

メイン:　マンモス・ビートルのツノ（国宝級）

サ ブ :　S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム（国宝級）

※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

スキル

（スキルスロット残9）

◉鑑定眼（超級）

◉全状態異常耐性

属性

不死者の王

※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、■■■■■となる

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 178 → 312
Bonus Points Gained : 670

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 312
HP : 15 MP : 175
Attack Power : 5 5 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 1390

Equipments

Main : Mammoth Beetle's Horn (National Treasure Class) Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening

Skill (Skill Slot: 9 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)

All Status Ailments Resistance

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body ■■■■■.

Chapter 4 – Mythological Beast ▼

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Yaha～!

Well then, brother? This is the moment of truth?

After all, an enemy which is impossible to defeat however you think of it……is in front of you, you know?

――It's the so called, boss fight from the start. Honestly, the one's names of those until not, were species name or something like that right?

But, this time it's different, it's an individual name.

I will say this honestly, when I also used【Appraisal Eyes】, I was disgusted.

I mean, that's impossible.

Why in a lower floor (It's a lower floor, probably?), is something like this……well, just that, I thought.

But, un, it can't be helped.

――after all, it's the Interstice Labyrinth. Whatever tsukkomi it is, it wouldn't have an effect.

Well then, brother? Both of us……what should we do? What will happen to us?

Well, yeah, as you have noticed……the enemy this time is bad. Super bad.

Well, that should really be the case.

I also said it earlier, but……I mean, even if there isn't【Appraisal Eyes】, you can tell from how it looked——it's the hound of hell, Cerberus.

To the gentlemen that couldn't figure it out even with that, I'll explain.

This level of demon……in the first place, they wouldn't appear in the human world.

The ones that appear in mythologies, it's that kind of monster. And compared to that——

——the Demon Lord(LOL) in the land above. Just like that, well, something like that.

Un, I think you know how bad it is already.

And then, it's head isn't stupid too, it understands the safety area, and even if we attacked with long-range from here, it escapes very quickly.

It observes us from far away, and the instance that we stepped outside, we'll be devoured and killed in that instant.

And its speed, it's ridiculous you know? Somehow, its max speed exceeds the speed of sound.

The speed of sound yo……speed of sound?

Explaining it to people who wouldn't get it, just like a fighter jet, well, it's that level. Well, yeah, explaining that to people who didn't come from Earth, you wouldn't get it though (lol).

I saw many things with【Past Peek】, but to defeat this……it would be out of the question unless you bring the self-defense forces.

Maybe, if it was quick-fired with Tomahawk Missiles, that should do it.

Well, leaving the jokes aside, to defeat this, an adventurer who is oven level 500 that wields a god-killer weapon, grouping with others, somehow……it's about that.

By the way, I'm solo-play.

That's why, I'm thinking of using my special Ultra-C to escape this floor.

Even if I did it properly, it's a broken game. That's why, I'll run away seriously. Maybe,「Too bad!! My adventure had ended with this!!」, the possibility of something like that happening isn't zero. Un.

Even though I said that, well, I have a chance of running away. After all, it's Ultra-C you know?

……but, it's probably impossible for brother～.

At least, I'll teach you the exit of this floor.

It's the end to the south. It looks like, the exit, it can be completely said with this whole labyrinth, but it's placed in a place that is easy to find out.

And.

It's the safety area as soon as the door opened. So you can die of hunger if you want, or make up your mind and get devoured and killed if you want……that's about it.

And, with that……well then, cheerfully, let's go〜〜〜〜!!

If, I was able to write the next volume.

And furthermore, if brother can see that……I will respect from the bottom of my heart the brother that survived from this jaws of death!

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A dome-shaped space with a radius of about one kilometer.

Junpei was there.

Inside the labyrinth, it is unknown what natural phenomena would happen. But it's true, right now, as if a gust of wind spreads waves on the water surface, he was able to see the grass rippling.

Right now, behind Junpei was the door to the third floor from the second floor.

The place where he is staying was a safety area that was enveloped by silver particles……or so it was.

——and.

In a distance of about twenty meters ahead, there was a gigantic

dog of body height that was easily four meters before him.

Three heads. Each of them large enough to swallow a whole human.

Potari, *Potari*, drool drooping continuously.

Sharp canines that were long enough as survival knives were lined up, eyes filled with hostility, were gazing towards him, seeking for meat.

Junpei checked the monster before him with【Appraisal Eyes】.

【Cerberus】

Danger Specification:
Mythology Class (**Lower**)

Characteristics:
In the mythology, it is being told to be the son of Typhon and Echidna. Also, often called as the Hound of Hades, it is well known as the Hound of Hell. It has the intelligence of about a human, but it cannot talk human words. It is a typical attack style of brute physical attacks, and what's noteworthy about it is the power of its bite attack with its sharp canines. That one attack, can even make holes through armors that is made with Orihalcon. And also, its thick fur and fat, will not let a normal person's arm strength, with, normal weapon pass through. And furthermore, its speed reaches the speed of sound, and it can run with a baffling variety of variations in speed. Because it is a huge spirit mass, it almost never appears in the human world, but if it does, the leaders of the countries will have great worries for its countermeasures. It has a strong appetite, and it is always hungry for blood and meat in the Interstice Labyrinth.

After looking at that, one of the heads of the gigantic dog——he met his eyes with it.

「Long-ranged attacks have no effects. And this has……unlike the No Life King's……roundabout ability. It only pushes with brute force……it's that type……of orthodox power fighter……」

Junpei fell down as if he lost his strength on his waist.

He sat down in his place, hunched, and trembled.

「……」

His trembles had gotten stronger.

PikuPiku, his back moved as if he was convulsing for a little, and he——started to laugh while hugging his stomach.

「Hahaha, kuhaha!」

Something seems to be ridiculous, he rolled around the safety area while he hugged his stomach.

「What the heck is danger rank mythology class? I haven't heard of that damn rank? I dunno. I really don't know～」

And, he wiped his laugh tears with his left hand's little finger.

「I mean, for it to be boss-class……the experience points and drop items should be also amazing, right? On top of that, the opponent is a doggy that rushes headlong……yosh, yosh, luck's on my side……luck is on my side! I can do it! With this, I can do it! Finally……I finally saw the light that can surpass this place!」

And there, Junpei suddenly kept out his laughing voice, and stiffens his expression.

「The problem is……my evasion efficiency……would either be of use against that Cerberus something or not. And……if I can do that

with my own hands, if I have the resolution……or not」

He gazed at his own left hand, and blatantly scowled.

——but, to not do that……I will absolutely have no ways to kill it.

And, he shook his head sidewards, and made a do or die expression.

——it isn't whether I can do it or not right? If I won't do(kill) it…… I'm going to get done(killed)! In the first place, why the heck did you eat the meat of the No Life King……you? You want to live right? From the start……you're convinced with that right?

The handgun that he had placed in his waist——he confirmed its metal feeling over its holster.

And——from the safety area, he took one step out.

At the same time Junpei walked one step forward, Cerberus lowered its body slowly.

A fantastical beast, its back leg's muscles contracts.

At a blink of an eye, or maybe, less time than that.

Leaving behind the sounds, with speed that is enough to be told as teleportation, the gigantic mass charged towards Junpei.

It looks like the three-headed giant dog had reached its top speed instantly.

To its proof, **Pan**, a dry sound echoed throughout the grassland.

It was a sound that was similar to a gunshot.

That was the sign of exceeding the speed of sound, for example, the cracking of a whip, it was a sound that is released when it is pulled strongly.

Generally said as the sound that made by shockwaves.

A battle that had exceeded the speed of sound——there, Junpei had a grin on his face.

——I can see it!!

The path where the doggy comes towards me, its stupidly honest straightforward movement——although barely……I can see it.

「This is the evasion efficiency 1390……!!」

Literally, the result of placing all level-up bonuses, he, with only that point, gained the ability that can compete against the monster before him.

One of its three heads.

Large opened jaws——as if to swallow him whole from the head, it closed in.

Five meters, three meters, one meter, fifty centimeters.

Inside its jaws, sharp canines that have blade length of survival knives were lined up.

When he could already feel its warm breathe and the smell of its drooping drool, Junpei moved.

As if he was a matador, he stepped to his side and twisted his body.

And——he passed through the side of the giant dog's straight path.

A sharp pain ran from his shoulder side.

Looking at it, the tattered clothes were torn, and from the gouged flesh for thirty centimeters, blood overflowed continuously.

「It's my best clothes……what the heck did you do……. Well, with only this status, after all, continuing to dodge is——not going to be easy huh……」

"Anyways……", Junpei gripped his fists.

——it's possible……with this……it's possible! I can see through its attack……I had cleared that hurdle……!! The only thing left……if I can dodge a fatal damage once……the requirements will be all complete……! Remains is……if I could do it or not……!!

On the other hand, Cerberus seems to be surprised.

Normally, whoever it is, with its speed and canines, they would not be able to do anything.

It probably had the confidence of the absolute strong.

And to think that it's own charge……was dodged by a human child.

To the too much of a surprise, its eyes greatly widened, and the giant dog slides its feet to the ground, and decreased the speed of its charge.

Zuzazaza……! Together with a resonating explosive sound, Cerberus came to a complete halt, and turned towards Junpei once again.

——distance between them, about thirty meters.

As if to provoke it, Junpei beckoned towards Cerberus.

「Come now, doggy……bring it on! With the next one, it will be your end!」

And, Cerberus that faced towards Junpei, took a very deep breath, and——roared.

Or maybe——that was the level of roar that can be called as an explosion.

Low heavy sounds that echoes even to the bottom of his stomach. The atmosphere trembles, his skin was covered with bubbles.

And in the next instance, this time, Junpei's eyes widened.

——my body……wouldn't move.

In reality, with the situation of standing in his place, even his finger wouldn't flinch.

Junpei who got in a panic, activated【Appraisal Eyes】, and checked his current condition.

The reason……was simple.

That, was the effect of the skill Cerberus had.

【Dead Howling (Magical Beast's Roar】

Skill Rank:
National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
The roar released by the King of the Magical Beasts infused with magic powers. Without going through the eardrum, it directly affects the part of the brain that governs fear, and makes the target fall to fear status. Paralyzes the target's nervous system temporarily, and literally make it paralyzed.

※*Only works on weaker beings. A huge level difference is needed to activate with decent effects.*

"Well……", Junpei thought.

——I can't move……this is unexpected. To think that【All Status Ailments Resistance】wouldn't work——

Because the【Dead Howling (Magical Beast's Roar)】was effective, confirming that Junpei was, after all, a very weaker being than it was, Cerberus drooped its eyes.

And——it started walking towards me slowly.

With body height of a clear four meters, and ten-meter body length. that was probably more than ten tons in weight—— **Dosun*, *Dosun**, it approached with very heavy steps.

——move, move, move……!!

To his hands and feet, Junpei's brain sends commands, but there was a confusion with his nervous system, and the electrical signals wouldn't go through to below his head.

One step, and another step, the giant dog slurped with its tongue while approaching.

Remaining, ten meters.

——even for once, even for a few seconds……, please move!!

Remaining, five meters.

——why the hell, for what the heck of a reason did I eat that rotten meat? A former human……I ate its meat?! If I stay standing here……nothing will happen!!

Remaining, three meters.

One head of the giant dog opened its mouth widely.

Even so, his body didn't flinch, it wouldn't move.

Instead, an impulse that as if it had gripped his heart, or maybe, it was looking down on him to infinity, that was coming.

That was, the clear vision to the inescapable death, which was similar to fear.

He closed and opened his mouth.

It looks like, from the top of his neck can move.

To the fear that crawls throughout his body——Junpei instinctively let out a voice

「a……!」

Ahead of the remaining two meters, the thing that materialized death closed in.

The mythological monster was closing in.

At that instant, in the back of Junpei's mind, his past memories——they appeared like a flashback.

He remembered Noriko, when they were young and carefree. That when they were a child, he was always with Noriko.

That during their elementary days, he saved her, and patted her head.

After they entered middle school……their positions have shifted when he noticed it……and always, for all the time, that she worried about him.

Cerberus approached furthermore, there was only one meter remaining.

And there, inside Junpei's memories, the last appearance of Noriko was shown to the back of his head.

『Ne～, you know? Being kind is……——with a bad meaning, and a meaning without salvation——is only stupidity you know?』

"Ahh", Junpei nodded a little from with only above his head.

「That's right. Noriko……you are correct. Being kind is……only stupidity without salvation. It is very simple. If your right cheek is slapped——return it with a straight punch!! It's only something that simple!!」

And, he continued.

「That's right, I will for sure……Noriko……Kido……everyone of them……I will change them to chunks of meat!!」

The【Dead Howling(Magic Beast's Roar】, by affecting the brain

that governs fear directly, it shows its effects.

“If it’s like that……”, Junpei largely opened his mouth, and stuck out his tongue with full strength.

——a shock treatment with the tongue’s pain……how about it?

Gachin, while sticking out his tongue, he closed his teeth with full strength.

Buchari……, together with that disgusting feeling, blood overflowed inside his mouth.

With his tongue being almost torn off by half, to its extreme pain, he shouted without any voices.

But, even so, without caring about Junpei’s situation, Cerberus did not stop moving.

Already, the distance between Cerberus’s head and Junpei’s , were only at hands reach.

And——Junpei roared.

「AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Junpei’s left straight, was shot towards Cerberus’s side face.

That Junpei was able to escape the【Dead Howling】, only in an instant, Cerberus narrowed its eyebrows dubiously.

But, it seems like it regained itself instantly, **Pakun**, it closed its huge mouth.

The left straight that Junpei threw out did not even make it as an attack, it just——got devoured with his whole left hand.

Its canines tore through meat, crushed bones, and blood spew.

He was being bitten from all of his left hand from his elbow.

And there, with Junpei's remaining right hand, he took out the handgun from his tattered clothes.

「……hehe, you're hungry right? That's okay……with something like an arm……I'll give it to you……eat it deliciously okay? But, it's checkmate with that……」

Together with his words……using his handgun, not towards Cerberus, but to his left hand's shoulder, he placed it a little below, and pulled the trigger.

**Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*.*

Firing three consecutive shots——he fired at his body at zero distance.

Because of the consecutive shots from the forty-one caliber Magnum, his left hand was completely detached from his body.

It means——

——my left arm, was bitten off……that's what it means.

And just like that, he jumped towards the side, to the area that was covered with silver particles——he entered the safety area as if to collapse.

The giant dog who did not understand what happened petrified for a while.

But——seemingly hungry, it started chewing Junpei's left arm that remained in its mouth.

The crushed meat chunks spew around, and the blood stains were scattered from Cerberus's head.

And, Junpei was, he was suffering inside the safety area.

「It hurts……It hurts……It hurts……」

Firstly, the loss of his left arm.

And next, the wound of his half-torn tongue.

The silver particles gathered to his left arm and mouth, and softens the pain, but still, it is not something that a normal person could endure.

Junpei, in the light novel that he read before, he had read once about a gore, entering a needle inside the fingernails and mess it up inside.

And that time, he imagined that and narrowed his eyebrows.

But, compared to that, it was literally in a different dimension.

The damage Junpei received.

If this were not the safety area, body recoveries, and if he was in a place where there is no recovery blessing……it was a wound that clearly leads to death.

He couldn't help himself anymore, a shrieking shout was let out from his mouth.

「AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA――!!!!」

While he rolled around on top of the grass, his tears were flowing.

To the too much pain, he almost let go of consciousness, but every time, the sarcastic thing about it――was that his consciousness was awakened by the pain.

And there, he saw the appearance of Cerberus eating his own meat deliciously.

And its expression, had overlapped Noriko and Kido's smile that were probably living carelessly around right now.

Inside him, hatred and murderous intent were in a spiral, and it was accelerating in every second.

While he was in the hell of suffering that doesn't show its end, while he was rolling on the ground――there was, only one thing that he was thinking about.

――why should something like this……why did something like this have to happen to me……!

――the monsters in this labyrinth, Kido, and Kido's cronies, all of them……and……Noriko……!!

——I'll kill you. I'll kill you. I'll kill you!!

——I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you !!

——I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you I'll kill you——I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU I'LL KILL YOU!!

Together with Junpei's murderous impulse accelerating, the light of the silver particles that enveloped his mouth and left hand were getting stronger.

The blood flowing out of his left hand had completely stopped, and from his wound, pink colored flesh was emerging.

As if it was an explosion, from the situation of being lost——it was recovering towards its original form.

——I will kill you all!! That's right……all of you……I will make you into chunks of meat……!!

And from there, a few minutes.

It was covered with body liquid, but, it had completely returned——while opening and closing his left hand's palm, "Un", Junpei nodded.

And, ahead of him, was the Hound of Hell, Cerberus.

A film of air that separates the safety area and the outside world.

And twenty meters ahead from there——Cerberus were observing

him from far away.

If it was for its side, the separation of Junpei from the safety area once again, meaning, he was aiming for a reckless re-challenge..... something like that.

But, for Junpei, right now when his wounds had fully healed, he can only, make a make a smile with his expression.

But, right now, because it is within the distance where he could see it.....when the "work" started.....he did not have to go out his way to find it, and it is not troublesome.

Niyari, Junpei who smiled while sitting, towards Cerberus from far away, called out calmly and composedly.

「Hey, doggy.....!」

To Junpei's words, Cerberus's three——all of its head tilted dubiously.

「.....you, are you okay just waiting there? The hunter, and the prey.....that their positions have reversed.....haven't you noticed?」

Once again, Cerberus tilted its head.

「What are you doing.....you're already.....checkmated you know?」

The next instance it heard that voice——Cerberus started to tremble.

Cerberus who noticed the change, entered the position to literally run away with its tail between its legs.

But, it seems like it couldn't gather strength to its feet, after walking with a questionable pace——*Dotsuuuun*, the sound of its

collapsing body echoed.

「Ku……kuuuun……」

It was a very weak gnarling voice.

Immediately, all of its six eyes on its heads, turned to its whites, and got silent after foaming its mouth.

“Finally huh……”, Junpei stood up, and started to crack his neck.

「With that amount of meat……with its huge body, the time until there was an effect……was really long huh」

And, he took out his hand gun, and pulled the trigger towards Cerberus’s head.

**Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*, *Pan*.*

All bullets, hit almost the same spot, but there wasn’t any trace of damage to Cerberus.

But……this was already expected.

——well, that should be the case. If there wasn’t a weapon infused with God Killer attributes……it’s said that it can’t be wounded decently.

Anyways, rather than that, right now, what he wanted to check was——”that”……meaning, how much would a neurotoxin…… would have an effect.

「Yosh, as expected……it’s not budging an inch right? It’s called neurotoxin……probably……it’s something like the【Dead Howling】 that I received before……conscious but unable to move」

He went out of the safety area slowly, and went towards Cerberus's head.

After seeing how it was, seeing that Cerberus was not budging at all after all, Junpei made a half-smile.

While looking down at it from a high place, Junpei——continued his words towards Cerberus.

「Hey, doggy? Earlier……when I wasn't able to move, our places had completely reversed, right? Being done the same thing……how do you feel right now? Hey, how does it feels?」

【Undead Meat】

Item Rank:
National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
Meat of the No Life King. Inedible. Because a human corpse was tinged by the fierce curses that the evil gods of the labyrinth emitted, the monster that sprung forth was a No Life King. Naturally, its meat is a block of curses, and the ones who devour it can gain a special ability. Specifically saying, the body composition changes, and as the same as an undead, your body fluid, blood, and meat will become a very strong neurotoxin.

And, the skill Junpei chose there was——【All Status Ailments Resistance】.

It was because there was that skill, that he was able to eat the Undead Meat without hesitation.

That's right.

From the start, Junpei——he had already accepted this plan.

——literally……the plan of ruins, of severing his bones, and letting them eat his flesh.

Junpei walked towards Cerberus, and grabbed its upper and lower mouth with both hands.

「This is……damn heavy……」

Somehow, he succeeded to open its mouth.

And, he held his handgun with his right hand, and shot towards the back of its throat.

Shot, reloaded the bullets with his magic powers.

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After repeating that for ten minutes——a total of, more than two hundred shots.

But……there was no signs of wound inside Cerberus's mouth, there wasn't even a single drop of blood.

「……this, wouldn't do it……. what the heck is this……the thing called danger specification mythology class……I mean, what the heck is God Killer attribute……I really don't damn know……」

And, Junpei called out his Item Box, and made a hideous smile.

「……then, how about this?」

From the white box that Junpei carried on his waist, he continuously took out oil pots.

And——a tree branch……no, something thicker than that…… firewood.

「After all, this place, it looks like a cave from outside right? Well, in the end……that was unfounded though. Looking at it from the side……however you think of it, there is no source of light inside. And because of that……I……when I self-candidacy, for a while…… anyways, I gathered trees. And, the result of working seriously from coming in this world……I bought a lot of oil pots with my little savings. Food was, they wouldn't last after all……so I only brought the minimum. Well, for the meantime, I just thought that I would make a torch」

Firewood, Firewood, Firewood being piled up.

After a while, it was almost on a condition that you can call it a mountain.

Their numbers, were a few thousand.

The enemy already cannot move with paralysis. There was no need to hurry.

With a slow movement, he further divided the firewood from the mountain.

As if to envelope Cerberus, he fixed the firewood's position, poured oil, and sparked.

As if to roast Cerberus as a whole, he made a campfire surrounding it.

Flames and smoke that fiercely stood up.

While looking at that, Junpei was making a smile.

But, after about ten minutes, there was only a small burning smell from Cerberus's fur, but damage from burns cannot be seen.

「Un, it wouldn't burn..... But, that is expected. Maybe, if it is roasted for twenty hours.....it might be killed though. But, I don't know if the paralysis status would last for that long. So, for my side, I need to hurry up as quick as possible.....」

And, he took one firewood that was lined up in the fire.

「That's right, I knew from the start that you were tough.....so there.....you know. How about something like this in addition?」

He opened Cerberus's mouth, and took out the longest firewood that was not yet on fire.

Just like a supporting bar, he fixed its mouth open.

And.

Burning in flames——he took one of the firewood that has half of it enveloped in flames, and placed it into Cerberus's mouth.

Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven.

One next to the other, he threw firewood inside Cerberus's mouth.

After that, the numbers were over a dozen, so there was no more place to push it in.

So there, Junpei took out the Mammoth Beetle's Horn that he got from the floor earlier, and held it with his both hands, and stuck it out as if to push it through the back of its throat.

From Cerberus's mouth, to its esophagus, from its esophagus to its

stomach, he pushed in the firewood.

And to the emptied space, he placed more burning firewood.

「Fuu～....., for the meantime.....this should be enough」

He took out an oil pot——he poured it inside Cerberus's mouth.

Bowa, the flames and smokes were strengthened.

——the direct incineration, of its internal organs.

And there, the work for one head was complete. Meaning.....more than that.....there was no more place to stick in firewood.

"Un", Junpei who nodded, checked the condition of Cerberus.

Meaning, the remaining two heads.....

「Well, I'd do it of course?」

The same routine work, Junpei did to the remaining two heads.

——and, after an hour of sticking in firewood in all of its mouth.

「How tough are you really.....」

While smoke and flames were spawning from its mouth, even so, Cerberus was still continuing to convulse a little.

Since its convulsing.....it means that the effect of the neurotoxin had weakened.

Seeing that the light from Cerberus's eyes was weakening, it shows that these attacks have an effect.

But……even so, if Cerberus escaped from the effects of the neurotoxin, it is for sure that Junpei would be minced in an instant.

The problem that Junpei is facing right now, the recovery from the neurotoxin and the death from burning, which one of them would be first.

In the situation in which you can't tell which one would happen, normally, it would not be strange if he got in a state of panic.

But, there was no sign of impatience in Junpei's expression.

「All of its three heads, I stuck firewood in all of them, more than this, I can't put anything in its mouth……. so, the poison that makes you suffer……you're also gradually recovering from it. So……doggy……I have a suggestion. If I'm correct……you have one other……hole in you right?」

And, Junpei took a flaming firewood with his hand, and started walking around Cerberus.

From where Junpei was looking……it somehow had understood something——Cerberus's expression, was obviously flinching.

The destination of the flaming firewood was——Cerberus's anus.

「Doing things up to this……you'll die right. If you don't die, I'll be very troubled」

To Cerberus who was begging for something with eyes like a pet dog's, Junpei answered calmly.

「Don't hold back……there's still a lot of firewood and oil pots. After all……you ate my arm. You shouldn't be picky you know? Don't tell me……you're not saying you can't eat firewood with your mouth below right?」

And, after thirty minutes.

Together with the smell of burnt meat, Cerberus became a shining card and dissipates.

And taking one which was a meat……Junpei spoke to himself.

「Skill Card……【Dead Howl】……something like this……that can only have effects on weaker beings, I don't need that damn it, stupid!!」

And, he took the next card, Junpei smiled happily.

「……a mammal finally can huh……I mean, I wonder what does dog meat tastes?」

【Magic Beast's Canine】

Item Rank:
Mythological Class

Characteristics:
200 attack power. Cerberus's canine. It is a material that has the same hardness as Orihalcon, and has the attribute of God Killer. If processed, it would become a level of weapon that would be impossible to obtain the human world, but a blacksmith that could process that material would not exist anywhere you find.

【Dead Howling (Magic Beast's Roar)】

Skill Rank:

National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
The roar released by the King of the Magical Beasts infused with magic powers. Without going through the eardrum, it directly affects the part of the brain that governs fear, and makes the target fall to fear status. Paralyzes the target's nervous system temporarily, and literally make it paralyzed.

※*Only works on weaker beings. A huge level difference is needed to activate with decent effects.*

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ:　312 → 637

取得ボーナスポイント:　1625

ステータス

職 業：　スキル・ハンター　　レベル:　637

ＨＰ：　30　　ＭＰ：　175

※回避率の端数を振り分け

攻撃力:　255（順平の基本値：5）　防御力:　5

※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率:　3000

装備

メイン:　魔獣の犬歯（神話級）

※神殺しの属性付与

サ ブ：　S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム（国宝級）

※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

スキル

（スキルスロット残9）

◉鑑定眼（超級）

◉全状態異常耐性

属性

不死者の王

※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 312 → 637
Bonus Points Gained : 1625

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 637
HP : 30 MP : 175
※Placed odd number of the Evasion Efficiency
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 3000

Equipments

Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening

Skill (Skill Slot: 9 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)

All Status Ailments Resistance

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Chapter 5 – The Interstice Village's Katrina ▼

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Haha! Brother! I'm happy we've met again!

I mean, both of us……really, it's nice we're in a good mood!

Really, to be able to survive against Cerberus, let's both celebrate having the devil's luck!

Eh? How was I able to run away you say?

Actually, the one called Cerberus, it's a bizarre eater, on top of that, it has a huge appetite. Basically, its head isn't that bad, but if it was about meat, it looks like it becomes a stupid dog.

And, actually, my hobby is being a gourmet alright.

Saying it simply, there was a stock of the high-grade class dried meat that I put in my item box before going to this labyrinth you know……

And, using that properly, I was able to barely reach the next floor's door, it was like that.

——my right arm got eaten though!!!!

So, with that.

I'll introduce the floor this time yo!!

——as you can see, this time, it's a village without monsters! People are also living in it!

In the south ends, there is the stairs to the next floor!

Just like the guys in here, you can live forever in this village if you like, or you can go to the next floor if you like.

But, though, brother. I think like this.

The outside world, and this village……I thought what's the difference between them.

It's a little inconvenient, and it's only a little bit small scale.

It looks like the residents, they don't even reach a hundred. Well, really, there might be a lot of inconveniences.

But, the safeness is important.

If that is assured, I know the logic that you can close your eyes to many things.

And just like that, the ones who says they want to live here……the guys that also swayed with that……well, it's not like I don't understand them.

I mean, normally, you'd sway with it right〜.

Especially after breaking through the hurdle called Cerberus…… really excessively.

By the way, I decided to not live here, and aim for the next floor…… why you ask?

I'm a solo player. When I was in Japan, a jobless NEET. Meaning——Of course I have communication disorder! Don't let me say it, it's so embarrassing!

Well then, see ya later brother! If you'll aim for the next floor, deciding not to live here……also look forward to the next volume!

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To the tip of Junpei's nose, a breeze had brought the spring's fragrance.

Although it was inside the labyrinth, abundant mountains that were surrounded by hilly terrains.

The light source that is provided from the ceiling covered by light moss that you can see from far away.

Small river with a slow current that flows gently from the valleys.

And, the thatched log houses that scattered, and surrounding it—— the golden colored wheat fields.

While gazing at that scenery that reminisces the farmlands somewhere on Swiss, Junpei thought.

——ahh, un. This is the Interstice Labyrinth after all. Up until now……there were already a lot of things, something like the limestone cave, broadleaved forest, grasslands, etc. That's why, I won't tell anything about the very rich natural environment. But, even so……right.

The silver particles, that envelopes the surface of the floor.

It's density was very different to up until now, they were very faint, and thin.

Because of its light density, the silver light could be only seen at least, so if it wasn't focused at, you can even feel that it was the illusion of your eyes.

"Hmm", Junpei placed his hand to his chin.

——I mean, the whole floor is the safety area……was there something like that.

Well, anyways, Junpei, he confirmed his current status.

That was mostly, the meaning of how he looks.

Up until now, he was desperate to live, so he didn't mind it.

But, although, finally, he was able to reach a really safe place.

There's the words "Well fed, well bred", but in this case, it would be probably the life's safety is gained first, and then the food and clothes was he get after.

Firstly, he somehow noticed it, but even with the meaning of body weight, he was getting thinner at a very fast pace.

His height was still 162cm, the same as before.

But, his body weight had become 56 kilos.

It was not something he was aware of, but it was the effects of his fat and calories being consumed because of continuous large injuries, and also, putting all bonus points to his evasion efficiency.

Thinking of it very carefully, even if he was small, from the words “fatty”, there wasn’t an image of being fast that emerges.

In Kung Fu movies, it’s true that there were fatties that were able to move, but still, after all, with the ability called evasion efficiency, being a fatty is not an advantage.

With those circumstances, it’s the story of Junpei, although the time that had passed ever since he was in this labyrinth was not that long, before he can notice it, his body modification had finished.

Well, in reality, the components of his body itself, had become neurotoxin, so——he was an authentic modified human, and it wasn’t a laughable thing though.

He continued to look at his own clothes intently, and let out a sigh.

The tattered clothes that were his best clothes……were literally in tatters.

The left hand’s sleeves were torn too, it was the mark where his shoulder were slashed, and Cerberus made a scratch to.

And other than that, it was dirty with blood, mud, and dust, and it even stinks.

Once again, a very deep sigh.

Also, when Junpei was still in Japan, he did not care about his looks.

But even if that is said, during weekends, at times when Noriko forcefully made him accompany her, it’s true that he was conscious of what his clothes were.

It was sloppy, but he abides the least of TPO, well, he had that kind of personality.

And, why did he suddenly start thinking about how he looked.

The answer is simple.

Because in front of him, there was a tremendous beauty.

「Haha, you, you look amazing! And because……a person that I don't know is here……that you are, from the lower floor……you came from there huh!」

From her flaxen hair that only barely reached her shoulders, a boyish impression could be taken.

Wearing brown colored layered tunics, her age was the same as Junpei, the later teens.

She is thin, but her breasts were pretty big.

She was a beautiful girl that has a thick and unyielding eyebrows that leaves an impression that suits the word gallant.

She had a deep blue eye color that would catch one's attention, and while wearing a pleasant smile, she had her hands crossed in front of her chest, making a daunting pose in front of Junpei.

「……you are?」

「I am Katrina! A resident of the Interstice Village! Born on this floor, and raised up on this floor」

「……Interstice Village?」

「Originally, it is said that this settlement was founded by the

adventurers that came up from the lower floors. And the result of breeding, we were the ones who survived」

Junpei made a little bit disgusted expression.

「Breeding……that's a little bit implicit way to say that, but well, I understand……. and then?」

「Because of that, I have something to ask you」

「Ask of me?」

"Un", she nodded, and Katrina made a very wide smile.

「I want your "seed"!」

「……haa?」

A silence, for a while.

For Junpei, he didn't know how to understand that declaration.

「You……what do you mean by seed?」

「You're also a man who doesn't know huh, or, are you playing dumb……yosh, well then……it means that you want me to say clearly alright?」

「What are you saying doesn't know……and, say it clearly?……what of?」

「I want your semen」

Just like that, Junpei turned to his right, and ignoring her, he started walking.

「I haven't had a good sleep recently……to think I'm feeling so bad that I see illusions……I mean, to the point that I am seeing such ambiguous illusions……am I that frustrated sexually?」

Towards the next floor, Junpei started to walk to the stairs that was written in the Ossan's pocketbook.

「Wait!! Wait!! Wait Wait Wait Wait!! I'm here! I exist properly!! I am really here okay!!」

While having a headache, Junpei turned to the girl.

「No, is your head that sick that you'd say you want semen from someone you met for the first time?!!」

「Yosh, I somehow succeeded to make you stop! But, that's true, suddenly saying semen, it looks like I was wrong too. Those words aren't fit for people you met for the first time……I know, well then, should I change it in other words?」

「In other words?」

「I……with you……」

「With me?」

「I want to have sex with you!」

"Fuu", Junpei let out a deep sigh.

「It looks like it was really an illusion. After all, I haven't slept properly recently……」

Junpei, he once again turned to his right, and towards the next floor, started walking to the stairs.

「Wait!! Wait!! Wait Wait Wait Wait!! I'm here! I exist properly!! I am really here okay!!」

She grabbed Junpei's shoulder, and the girl named Katrina made a serious face.

「I……no, we need seeds. I want you to hear me properly. Also, my name is Katrina! Don't call me "you"!」

While raising one of his eyebrows, Junpei answered to the girl.

「We……ne. It looks like there's some reason behind it」

「That's right, there's a proper reason, why I am wanting your seed」

Inside the forest, a dim space that is surrounded by tall grass.

Katrina recommends to have seat in that place, and they faced each other sitting with legs crossed.

「It just means. There were originally seven people who founded our village……. And, right now, there're about fifty residents. And like that, after generations……inevitably, there was continuous marriage between relatives」

While making a serious face, Katrina suddenly stood up, and pushed down Junpei who was sitting in front of her.

A sweet fragrance from her hair had drifted, and tickled Junpei's nose.

「……I see. Marriage between relatives……huh」

She nodded pleasingly to Junpei who didn't resist, and Katrina's

palms made voluptuous movements.

On top of his clothes——touching as if it would reach with one part of his crotch or not, her fingers, traced a line.

「This is the words of one of this village's founders……. because of the recessive gene……when the blood had gotten to thick……there is a high possibility of being born with inborn illnesses and disorders——have you heard about that?」

「Well, even though I'm like this……although for a little, I am someone who came from a world that advanced sciences. I understand what you're trying to say」

「It means, I want your seed! The adventurers that comes up from the lower floors are treasure! All of the women in this village……I won't ask for that much! With me, and……at least one more, if you plant your seed, that should be enough! In anyways……your seed……give me your seed!!」

And there, Junpei's fist hit Katrina's head.

「Okay, I understood. For the meantime, stop touching my crotch, okay?」

Gotsun, he hit using his fist with a dull sound.

With tears swelling in her eyes, Katrina made a duck face.

「I'm telling you, I……want your seed……」

"Hmm……", while looking around, Junpei made an amazed look.

Just like a little ecchi love romance, that skit was being played, but honestly speaking, his surroundings were enveloped with a very stinky air.

「So, why am I surrounded by fully equipped guys? As far as their clothes look, they are your comrades right?」

As if to surround Junpei and Katrina, people were hiding in the shadows of the trees.

Clothes that had similar civilization level with Katrina's——more than ten men and women who were apparently the residents of the Interstice Village.

As Junpei had said, every one of them was equipped with bows and spears.

To Junpei's dubious expression, "Kakka", Katrina laughed innocently.

「We were in the middle of hunting you know. And when we were on the way, luckily, we found you. The food is also important, but the seed is more important. And so, the one who was the most beautiful came to have sexual contact with you, that's how it is」

「A type that says to herself she's beautiful huh……I mean, sexual contact……can't you choose your words better. You're really entirely, a pity woman」

「For the meantime, are you going to the next floor immediately? If it was possible, we want you to stay in our village for a while. And the provision of seed also, can be thought while you're there」

Reaching out her right hand, Katrina made a sweet smile.

He thought about if for a while, then Junpei nodded.

「If it's with good conditions, it would be helping if you can share with me things that are for labyrinth exploration」

Together with those words, Junpei gripped back Katrina's hand with his right hand.

「If it was possible, I want to go to the village immediately, but……」

To Katrina who drops her eyebrows, Junpei answered while making a wry smile.

「You're in the middle of hunting right? I don't really mind, if you're returning to the village in the end, I'd go with you」

The time was about two hours.

Walking as if to sew the jungle, they reached that place.

Silent——with that air, no one was saying a word.

The forest birds making chirping sounds, the wind bustling, and the breath of humans were all that was at that place.

Over ten fully equipped men and women, as if they were waiting for something……gazing at one point.

That's right, including Junpei, everyone's focusing on the same place.

In that open place within the trees, there was a geometrical figure that was faintly shining.

That means, a magic circle that had a radius of about ten meters.

Junpei asked Katrina who was keeping her breath down beside him with a small voice.

「And……Katrina……why are we inside the bushes, only waiting for something to appear?」

「In this floor, the distinctive deadly labyrinth monsters don't appear」

「Well, it's a safety area after all. If something like Cerberus that was on the lower floor was walking as if it was his house, in the first place……you wouldn't live here」

「But, if it was normal monsters, they appear rarely. I explained earlier that we're hunting right?」

And there, Junpei was petrified for an instant.

「No, I heard that you're hunting……but I thought it was normal animals……I didn't hear about monster subjugation you know?」

「Normal animals, something like those doesn't appear on this floor. But, from time to time, there are monsters that got lost into the Interstice Labyrinth that appears……that's why, to intake meat, we could only hunt monsters that appear from time to time. And, when the mana had filled up in that magic teleportation circle…… exactly——just right now. Look」

With Katrina's words, from the middle of the magic circle, with the height of about 130cm, a small oni——the so-called goblin appeared with seven of them.

Goblin, defines as the weakest of the weakest monsters at popular RPGs.

The goblin that appeared right now probably is also the same, its

appearance was not that different from a human elementary student.

Well, it really is muscular, and if it opens its mouth, sharp deadly fangs could be seen……but anyways.

At the same time as the monsters appeared, a storm of arrows flew from all directions.

After the sound of the wind being cut that was made by arrows, *DosuDosuDosuDosu*, a dull sound.

One, and another one, the goblins had collapsed.

All of the goblins had collapsed, and after seeing that they had only become objects convulsing on the ground, they exchanged their bows with spears, and pierced them.

As if to make a minced meat——they were stabbed many times.

Blood splashed and meat chunks flew, and the organs were scattered greatly.

After the figure of the corpses had disappeared, cheers were raised from here and there.

Katrina nodded very contently, and opened her mouth.

「It's the thing called victory comes to the one who hits first」

「……you guys……how can I say this……you've no mercy……」

And, once again, the magic circle started to shine.

With that as the cue, the men and women who had spears, ran from that place, and hid once again in the shadows of the trees.

With a light emitted just like a lightning, *BachiBachi*, the atmosphere trembled.

And, after the flashing light dissipates——there was a giant oni there.

With a height of more than three meters, dark red skin. Its arms were very muscular, it has the width of adult women's waists.

With its upper body naked, and grass skirt……in addition, horn.

Ultimately——it is an Ogre(Oni).

Looking at that appearance, Junpei who that something was a little bad, he activated【Appraisal Eyes】

【Ogre】

Danger Specification:

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Characteristics:

Synonymous to Oni-type monsters, as a monster that appears near the human world, its danger is quite high. Because of that, it is on the top five ranking of the subjugation quests that the Guild releases. Attacks with its large mass of muscles. And the toughness it has with its huge stature, is the target for fear of rookie adventurer parties. On the other hand, if you are able to hunt this monster with ease……maybe, you will be treated by the Guild's lady receptionists as fully-fledged.

Just like earlier, towards the ogre from afar, shots were fired from their bows.

But, it looks like that they've used their stock of arrows with earlier, so the shots ended immediately.

While pulling off the tens of arrows that hit throughout its body, with a vicious grin, the ogre ran towards the man who was the closest.

Even though the man ran away while screaming, with its physique and strength……it means, the speed were different.

He was immediately captured, and got his shoulder grabbed.

「Oi, Katrina……is that okay? Looking at that monster……」

Without waiting for Junpei's words to end, the man's shoulder that the ogre grabbed, was crushed.

Bakyu, together with that ridiculous sound, his crushed bones pierced through his skin. The man's shoulder, bloomed a great blood flower.

「Oi, is it really alright?」

To Junpei's words, Katrina answered with a calm expression.

「That wound……if it was about if it would heal or not……it's okay」

「It's okay since it's going to heal, you say……that is……it isn't that problem……」

「Even though its density is thin, this is a safety area! One or two arms, even if they are cut off……they'll return to normal in two weeks!」

「No, I'm not saying that that's the problem……before saying it would heal or not……isn't he almost dying……that person……」

As Junpei had said, the ogre was laughing very contently grabbing the man's face.

If the ogre wants to and started gripping its fist——it isn't hard to imagine that the man's head would blow off just like a crushed watermelon.

「That's right, dear husband……it would heal if he doesn't die. It means……it's alright if we make it that he doesn't die」

「No, what do you mean by dear husband……why so sudden……?」

When Junpei said that with an appalled face, Katrina threw a stone towards the ogre.

It looks like the interest of the ogre was changed completely to them.

As a proof, the man who had his head grabbed was thrown away.

And, with that……Katrina looked at Junpei, and mischievously smiled.

「……what would you do? Dear husband?」

And there, Junpei shook his head sidewards, and smiled faintly as if to give up.

「……my goodness. When I thought that you're only an idiot…… when I noticed it……it looks like that the one who was being played……was me huh」

「After all……if seed was going to be taken, a strong seed is better……the one you used to come up from the lower floor……let me see your power」

“Ha～……”, he let out a deep sigh.

「Well, even if I’m going to kill Kido and the rest……how much is the strength of the common monsters in the outside world……it would be better to know it」

And, he continued.

「The me right now, fighting normally……how is it really……well, it’s true that I want to know」
Saying only that, Junpei took out his handgun from his waist.

The conclusion was, it was Junpei’s overwhelming win.

Thinking of it very carefully, in the earlier floor, he was able to deal with Cerberus’s speed.

To that Junpei, there was no way for the attacks of normal monsters to hit.

The details are the following.

First, he dodged the fierce attacks of the ogre many times.

And with the Cerberus’s canine, he wounded the ogre’s wrist and neck greatly.

After the opponent colllapsed——using his forty-one caliber Magnum, he made it explode with its brain, well, it was like that.

Using the Magnum from the start before it closes in, and destroy

its head is probably the smartest choice.

But, clearly saying, the fight this time was only a confirmation for Junpei.

——Kido, and his cronies……if he can change them into chunks of meat right now or not.

The result, it was yes.

Subjugating a monster with danger specification D, you can say that it is the proof of being a full-fledged for adventurers.

Most probably, even Kido……it should be a difficult opponent to hunt.

But, for Junpei whose evasion efficiency had reached inhuman levels, its movements, its attacks……it was not different from a snail's movements.

Anyways.

The monster subjugated, was one ogre for Junpei.

And, the residents of this floor hunted——seven goblins.

And all of those corpses are scattered outside……it's that situation.

Before, as the God had explained, this world's rule is different from Earth's.

When animals and the like lose their lives, after time has passed, the substances that composes it mass returns to light, and returns to mana that fills the atmosphere.

Because of that, food meat and the like, after butchering that has a

different meaning, it is changed into item cards.

And, their purpose of hunting monsters, is hunting for meat.

「Katrina! We'll leave this to you!」

Voices that sounds like that were showered to Katrina.

And then, she touched the goblin's corpse, and one next to the other, their corpses changes to the card drop items.

「Use【Butcher】skill」

In reality, it was something that Junpei was doing, but that scene……after all, it made him felt something was strange.

If you say butchering, peeling of the skin, draining its blood, and divide the meat into its parts……it should be a very graphic routine.

"But……", Junpei changed his mind.

After all, it was something that he had done himself……and even if he feel something strange about it, that was, after all, the rule for butchering in this world was like that, so it is something that he needs to recognize.

And, with this and that.

After a few minutes, all of the monsters with Katrina's hands have changed into drop item cards……no, specifically saying, all of them changed into "meat" drop item cards.

「……oi, Katrina……they're all……meat? And in addition, several drops each……total……thirty-five cards of meat……? Until now, I have defeated many monsters, but the drop rate of meat is only about 30%……」

“Ahh, about that huh”, Katrina lightly laughed.

「It’s butcher skill. Didn’t you hear what I said first?」

「……skill?」

「That’s right.【Butcher】skill, that is――Super-class」

「Super-class……if I’m correct……that’s the ridiculous skill proficiency level right?」

To Junpei’s question, Katrina answered melancholically.

「Grain agriculture is abundant on this floor. But……both animals, and maybe plantations, there’s almost no source of protein」

「There’s no source of protein……human living with that……」

「That’s right, that’s why……it’s super-class. Specifically speaking, the residents of this floor, to be able to survive, there was a need to train it up to this dimension」

「……?」

「If it wasn’t super-class……the drop item……you can’t aim for it to come out. In addition, it’s also possible to gather many times of normal. For example, things other than source of protein……yes, not meat, if goblin skin came out as drop item, it would be disastrous」

And, she continued.

「I……was trained with this skill ever since I was young. That is my reason to exist, and it’s good enough that I’m able to do that. The source of protein in this floor is only about monsters……and in

reality, it is very rare for monsters to emerge. That's right, if there wasn't a skill owner with this, this floor's residents, from nutrient deficiency, it means that we will be annihilated before long」

"Anyways", Katrina looked at Junpei with shining eyes.

「To kill ogre in an instant……that tremendous speed……as expect of my dear husband」

「I'm saying, why is it "dear husband"」

His right hand was embraced forcefully by Katrina, and they looked like they crossed their arms.

「There's no need to be shy……after all, tonight, you're going to be a slave to my great techniques」

「I've been continuously saying this, but, can't you sugar-coat it at least? Things like bashfulness, I think that they're important」

"Fufun", Katrina declared.

「A straightforward approach is the best!! Something like a roundabout game……is something I can't do!!」

「……well, you……that's probably true」

And there, Junpei made a carefree smile as if to give up.

——thinking about it carefully, even in my time in Japan, or maybe even when I came to this world——nothing good has happened.

There wasn't any time that I was needed, and I never even dream that that time would come.

It's true, that things are really bad genetically, they want Junpei's

gene, something like that……although it was that kind of inevitable reason.

But, even so.

——being liked by someone doesn't feel bad huh……. no, to be able to think of that……maybe, it was because……she was saying this straight……that she needs me……huh?

While thinking of that, Junpei's mouth loosened, as if he does not feel bad about it.

And there, the over ten men and women who were looking from far away approached Junpei.

Their age was about latter teens and early twenties.

Very curiously, one of them talked out to Junpei.

「That movement earlier……that's really amazing huh? How many is your evasion efficiency……?」

「Ahh, its 3000」

And there, fear ran through the group.

「3000?! What did you do to make it that much?!!」

「Well……I'm over level 600 after all……」

「Over 600?!! That level……is it possible?」

And there, the bearded man that seems like the oldest of them raised his voice.

「Before, it is said that the adventurers that came here were also

over 500. After all, the floors before……as the legend says……it's hell」

And to Junpei who seemed to went through that hell, as if to be impressed, the group sent him respecting eyes.

「They're really amazing……the adventurers that come from the lower floor……for Katrina to receive the seed of a person like him……strong genes are treasures for all of the residents of this floor」

「No, that's why I'm telling you……」

When Junpei acted as if he had no intention of doing that, grim and discouragement ran through the group.

And there, Katrina lowers her eyebrows sadly.

「Hey……to you……am I that much……unattractive?」

The eyes that looked up to him had faint tears swelling up.

And there, Junpei thought.

——well……for the meantime, for only a bit……it wouldn't be that bad to stay in this place.

And there, Junpei asked Katrina.

「By the way, specifically, how does your status look? I heard that your evasion was 3000 though……」

「Ahh, that is……it's faster to show this than explaining it with words huh」

Junpei took out his status plate from his waist, and passed it to

Katrina.

「……this is……a very irregular status huh」

【Takeda Junpei】
Level: 637
HP: 30
MP: 175
Attack Power: 255 (Basic stats 5)
Defense Power: 5
Dodge Efficiency: 3000

To her who was narrowing her eyebrows, Junpei answered with a wry smile.

「On the other hand, if it wasn't like this……it was impossible」

「By the way……I want to ask you」

「What?」

「The attack power's basic stats if 5……that means, your strength originally is……maybe……」

"Ahh", Junpei nodded.

「Normally, I'm weaker than the guys over there」

"I see", Katrina nodded, and both of Junpei's wrists, she grabbed it

strongly with her both palms.

「My basic attack power is at 80. You……in normal contests of strength……it means, that it's not wrong that you can't escape this situation right now?」

Junpei made a dubious expression.

「Hey……it hurts……why……are you grabbing so strongly……」

Katrina's mouth raised at once.

「Following the lessons that had been told until now……during the banquet, I was thinking of letting you drink something, but it looks like that isn't needed」

At that instant, Junpei felt a strong blow to the back of his head.

The brain inside his skull was shaken like it was pudding.

When he noticed it the earth and sky had reversed, and the lights also reverses.

Within the slowly dimming scenery, Junpei somehow succeeded to look behind.

And, he saw.

Holding a blackjack (a bag filled with iron or coins as a blunt weapon)——he saw the man who was talking to him with a peaceful tone earlier.

"No way", he thought, before Junpei's consciousness completely fell, he activated【Appraisal Eyes】.

——【Appraisal Eyes】does not activate against humans.

That is, one thing that he found out while living, before he came to the Interstice Labyrinth……

The conclusion was, 【Appraisal Eyes】——it properly activated against them.

That means, they do not belong, in the category of humans.

The result of the appraisal skill, he read what was shown in the back of his head.

——breeding……huh. Ahh, this……wouldn't be something good……

Understanding up until there, Junpei's consciousness completely fell into a slumber.

【Interstice Village's Resident】

Characteristics:
Spring forth when the adventures lived within the labyrinth making a settlement. Bred from the few ancestors. To avoid recessive inheritance, they use all means to gain new genes(adventurers). As genetics goes, there is no doubt that they are human, but their disposition is closer to that of a monster rather than humans. They are moving with different rules and morals compared to normal humans. They are barbarians. They are a race that raises their【Butcher】techniques to the limit to not waste the protein that is gained from animals that they rarely obtain. Because they are raised in a special environment where consumption of protein is very difficult, they have a culture of "cannibalism" and "breeding".

When he woke up——Junpei was inside a room that has a moldy smell.

It has a breadth of a ten-meter square, and a door made of iron

bars in the entrance stairs.

It was a room that really fit the word underground prison.

But, in the corner of the room, tools that have shapes inappropriate to an underground prison was placed.

As wide as a double-size bed, and its figure was closest to a surgery table with restraining devices.

The faint smell of a rotten stink and death.

The metal table's surface probably was cleaned and sanitized properly, but it might've been difficult to wipe off the stinking smell that seeped to it from many years.

In that kind of room, both of Junpei's arms and legs were affixed with a leather belt.

「……this is?」

To Junpei's question, Katrina answered while looking down on him.

「It's the factory」

「……factory?」

「Yes, that's correct. The processing factory……of cultured meat」

A deep, and unpleasant sigh. Thinking of the situation, it was the worst thing that could happen.

Exceeding a bad feeling, with giving up by half, Junpei asked while having a cold sweat.

「Cultured……you say?」

Kokuri, Katrina nodded.

「This floor's food situation……the grains……they're enough. Vitamins and minerals too……they're also enough」

"Just", she added.

「For a long time……to live here……we……hopelessly need protein. There isn't beans, and there isn't even bugs or animals. What's there……was the monster meat that appears sometimes……but even with that, the amount is hopelessly not enough」

「No……but……cultured……what does that mean? Is is about breeding humans and eating them?」

「Nope, that's wrong. Doing that from the start is very inefficient」

「Then, breeding……how……?」

「This is a safety area. I don't think that any more explanation is needed with that though?」

And there, Junpei lost his breath.

It reality, Junpei had experienced that with his own body, and earlier, Katrina herself was also saying that.

『Even though its density is thin, this is a safety area! One or two arms, even if they are cut off……they'll return to normal in two weeks!』, she said.

And, the word breeding.

He didn't want to recognize it, but he couldn't help himself but to

confirm.

「Don't tell me……from losing limbs……repeating recovery……are you going to get meat with that?」

「Recovery in the safety area. The thing needed with that is only calories……. It means, with only over intake of calories with grains——it's possible to produce meat. Our ancestors, came up with that conclusion」

「……but, with that……are you okay?」

「With that, we are able to live, and we don't know other ways to live other than that」

「But……you know」

And there, Katrina looked up to the ceiling with eyes looking far away.

「I'll say this clearly. Probably, your life would only take 2-3 years. It's not your body……but your mind will get bad」

「……what do you mean?」

「What's going to happen from now on, I think you can figure it out」

Katrina said up until to that, smiled deprecatingly, and shook her head sidewards.

「No, running away from explanation isn't good……right. I'll explain it in detail. In a regular pace, you're going to lose your limbs, and your mind will slowly wear down」

「Well……you'll really get broken with that. But……when I die……

no, before I came here, the regular provision of meat……how did you do it?」

「If there are adventurers, we use adventurers. And……when there are no adventurers, we use ourselves. And, up until earlier……the one who was undertaking the production in this factory……is my little brother」

And there, *Pan*, Katrina clapped her hands.

「The rule is simple. You're going to be confined. And, your semen would be gathered regularly. And lastly……your limbs will be cut down regularly」

To Junpei who had shut up, Katrina continued further.

「That we're saying ridiculous things……we know. But……other than those rules, we will……treat you with the utmost respect」

Together with a very deep sigh, in Katrina's eyes, tears swelled up faintly.

「I'm sorry. This village……please save it. There is——no other way」

And just like that, Katrina took out a machete with one-meter blade length.

She then swung it greatly, it fell towards the base of his right leg.

「I'm sorry」

Hyun, a wind noise.

And following, *Zushin*, a dull sound.

And, Junpei screamed silently, similar to a beast's roar.

It passed over the pain, instead, he could only feel it as hot.

Blood splashes spew like fountain, but even so, it looks like it was not enough to severe his right leg from his torso.

After the scream, he immediately wasn't able to say anything anymore, "Hyu, Hyu", to Junpei who was breathing with his shoulders with tears, Katrina opened her mouth very apologetically.

「……I'm sorry. I'll severe it completely with the next one」

Together with those words, once again, the machete was swung down.

Together with the high-pitched metal sound from the metal which the machete is composed with, and the metal that the bed was composed with touching each other, Junpei lost one of his four limbs.

「aa……aaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!」

While Junpei was raising a scream as if he has gone crazy, Katrina immediately took care of the base of Junpei's leg.

First, direct pressure hemostasis using a cloth. She did hemostasis by tightly tying up his leg.

One next to another, Katrina treated him.

And in addition, Junpei's right let was enveloped by silver particles.

A combination move of a first aid from a human, and the recovery from the safety area.

From the pain getting weaker and weaker, Junpei smiled wryly.

——it's true, with this……I wouldn't die that easily.

And just like that, time had passed——within an hour, his bleeding has completely stopped.

For once after the loss of blood and pain, towards what Katrina holds, he looked at the thing that was once his right leg.

「And……you're going to eat that, right?」

「Today's the banquet for your coming. Your meat will……not one bit of it is going to be wasted, today, this will be placed on everyone's dining table……」

He tried to say something, but Junpei shook his head sidewards.

「n, what is it?」

「No, it's nothing. And then, I want to confirm something……」

「What is it? If it was something I know I'll answer」

「……that door made with steel bars, you're not going to lock it?」

「Yes. For the meantime, until your feet grows back, I'm thinking of waiting and see without restraints until then」

And, Junpei raised his upper body, and while shaking both of his hands, he asked.

「While recovering, the restraints are going to be removed huh……is it okay……for you to not……tie me up?」

「I have told you before. We will treat you with the utmost respect. That's why, we won't restraint and confine you unnecessarily. In the first place, when you go up through the stairs, it is our living space……even if you plan on escaping, you cannot run away with that leg」

"I see", Junpei made a wry laugh.

「And……also. The reason that your restraints are loosened……that is with the utmost respect, but it isn't only that」

「And so?」

Blushing slightly, Katrina smiled.

「I am……a woman. And, not only your meat, it's true that your seed is also needed. Maybe our relationship is already so distorted that it is difficult to repair, but even so, if possible……not forcefully……I am thinking of making a more proper relationship with you」

And there, Junpei's consciousness started to become distant.

Katrina, even after doing things up to this, she wants to have a proper love relationship, she said that with a serious face.

Right now, to the man, who she took one of his limbs to eat it, she blushes……and said that.

That's right, that is the common sense of this village, and most probably, they were really able to reproduce with that.

This is——the natural shared awareness here, Junpei understood, and got nausea.
——they're completely……damn crazy……they're not normal……

Even so, Junpei thought.

In Japan, of maybe in the world outside of this labyrinth, those morals might be abnormal, but for them who raised up on this floor……it was inevitable with the sequential flow.

And, even seeing it with a rational point of view, at least, he is thinking that this sequential flow is not good for them.

Giving up on everything, and accepting everything, and on top of that, doing all that they can——you can think of if just like that.

Thinking up to that, Junpei once again, as if to say something, no, as if to warn her, looked towards Katrina.

But, before Junpei started talking, Katrina opened her mouth first.

「It's about time, I'll return upstairs. Everyone should be anticipating for the meat」

As if to carry Junpei's, severed right leg in her shoulder, she raised it.

「……」

「Well then, tonight……after the banquet……I'll come to see you, tonight's our bridal night」

While shrugging his shoulders, Junpei whispered as if to throw it off.

「Romantic or damn whatever, no shit……the word bridal night, there isn't a more inappropriate situation to say that」

「Hmph……say what you want」

When she turned around, "Nevertheless……", to warn her, Junpei tried to call her to a stop.

But, however, he had heard.

While rubbing what was Junpei's right leg, the words she whispered.

「……itadakimasu」she said.

That's why in the end, Junpei stopped the words that he was going to call out to her.

And the next day.

Junpei who walked up the stairs with the improvised crutch that he made, and whispered with an appalled expression.

「……well……that would……happen right」

That was a hall that had the space of a thirty tatami room. Looking

at the interior, it looks like it is usually used as the dining hall.

As Katrina had said the day before, it's probably the main space where the settlement lives together.

With a very deep sigh, Junpei looked around his surroundings.

In the long table that is placed in the dining hall, food that seems to be a stew was distributed.

It looks the same as a beef stew, but in this case……

Anyways, the cold stew was remaining in each of their plates, and all of them were eaten.

That's right, they were eating a human meat stew.

The result, one of them fell over the table, one of them rolled down to the floor, and collapsed.

Their numbers——a total of 50.

All of them were covered with vomit, and some even vomited blood.

While walking, he checked all of them who were currently in rigor mortis. And, Junpei stopped in front of a specific person.

That's right, almost all of them have changed into unmoving corpses, but one within them, was still, from the neurotoxin—— there was a girl's appearance that was still convulsing.

Katrina turned her face with a desperate expression towards Junpei, and opened her mouth with the foams of blood.

「……why, what……what happened, for something like this to……?」

「I'm sorry, Katrina. My meat……it's poisonous」

It looks like she had already guessed it, without doubting it, Katrina shook her head sidewards.

「……I see. You're a person who came from the lower floors after all……it's not strange even if you have a characteristic we don't understand……huh」

Looking around once again, Junpei made an expression as if he had bitten off a bitter bug.

「Well, this is what you say suffering the consequences huh. It's wrong person if you're having a grudge to me?」

「……suffering the consequences? That is outrageous. I want to ask for revision of those words」

「Outrageous?」

「……we……are doing this to live. If you say that we're suffering the consequences, it would be as if it's our fault. But, this is…… something this is not a disposition that……」

"Ahh", Junpei nodded.

「That's right, you're not wrong. But, you're suffering the consequences」

「……?」

「I don't know what's the natural requirement for this floor, but your choices probably aren't wrong. I won't blame you for that」

「……?」

「The story is very simple……and you were just deceived by me」

「Deceived……?」

「You deceived me first, and I deceived you after. Well, what I only did, was the effect after eating……I just didn't say anything about it」

「To eating a human, it means that you don't think of it as anything huh. I see……more than us……it means that you are in a place where ethics had transcended good and evil huh……」

「By the way, where is my weapon hidden? In either way, you're not going to be saved……I'll let you rest」

「Inside that drawer……」

He followed the direction Katrina pointed to.

He walked to the corner of the room, and searched the drawer. He immediately found what he was searching for.

He took out his handgun, and looked towards Katrina.

「And, well……what I'm trying to say is. The deceived one is the idiot——it's only that simple」

And, he continued.

「That is what you call——suffering the consequences」

「……I'll get killed by the man who is going to be my husband. Well……that might be suitable for a cursed blood relative like me……huh」

「Nope, cursed blood or whatever, it's not that problem. I mean, that's really something that doesn't matter. I've learned with this time. First, people that are weaker than me, that there are already many of them. And, just like I have done in this labyrinth——the strong who leaves his guard down, will lose to the weak, that…… that exists」

Inside Junpei's eyes, she confirmed that there was no color of emotions within them.

Together with resignation to her fate, Katrina smiled sweetly, and closed her eyes as if to give up.

「It's my honor to have been your help, dear husband」

And, Junpei placed the handgun's aim towards between Katrina's eyebrows.

「Well then,【Butcher】skill」

Together with pulling the trigger, he continued.

「……itadakimasu」

「For the meantime……resupply huh. When I was thrown here, I had no money so I wasn't able to prepare decently, but……」

While using a crutch, he left the dining hall full of corpses and went outside.

It was a place that was like a round plaza paved with cobblestones.

As far as he can see, there were six buildings that had second

floors.

In the middle of those buildings, it was shaped so that the dining hall earlier was placed in the middle.

「Most of them are probably living spaces. But……most probably, there should be that facility……」

He went towards the closest building.

He opened the door, and when he looked around, “Un”, Junpei nodded.

「Yosh, it’s bingo from the start」

As far as he can see inside, tons of sacks——most probably, bags of grains.

The number of sacks were over two hundred.

From its feeling, each one probably has more than twenty kilos.

He called out his item box, and Junpei puts inside the bags one next to the other.

……it’s a pretty much, hard routine work.

Because he’s in a disability where he has only one leg.

And, because he is genuinely lacking stamina, he dropped the sacks many times.

In the first place, HP has, other than endurance against attacks, it also have the meaning of stamina and toughness.

And……Junpei’s status, other than evasion, it is lower than normal

people.

Junpei spoke to himself as if to get fed up with it.

「It's about time……I should stop putting it all to evasion, and also put some in HP……. It's directly affecting the stamina too, and after fighting from now on also, I mean deceiving, there would be persistent routine work after, so of course……with this much of a paper defense……I'll die with one simple attack. Dying an unfortunate death just like the No Life King, is well…」

Probably because of continuous work that uses the body, as if it was the signal to rest, he dropped his waist to the piled up sacks.

A very deep breath.

He sighed lightly, and blankly——observed his lost right leg.

「Well……she said that it would take two weeks for a leg to grow, so. It's not like, I need to hurry the supplying work too……」

After ending a small break of about two minutes, he once again, stood up relying on the crutch, and started to work.

In the end.

In the three days after that, Junpei accommodated the following contents in his item box.

– Grains (250 bags) – 5 tons
– Water (Leather bags x 500) – 2500 liters
– Daily necessities – clothes – all that he could get
– Tools – all that he could get
– Simple medical supplies – all that he could get
– Metalwares – all of them

And, a large quantity of oil pots.

Honestly speaking, he had forcefully packed the food and water in the assumption of getting ready for it to rot.

In reality, there might've been no need to bring that much.

But, however, just like there were humans here, there is the possibility that there are also humans in the other floors.

And during that, it's not wrong that food and water can be used for bartering, and in any ways, he could just throw it away if it rots.

The daily necessities and the like also, he packed all that he saw in the living space into his item box.

You can say it as a poor person's mentality, but after getting out of the jaws of death for many times, Junpei had noticed something.

——that there is no useless thing……for surviving.

With one piece of cloth, or maybe, with one needle……depending on the strategy, it might become a weapon that pierces the mythological magic beast.

For an example, just like subjugating Cerberus with firewood, oil pots, and flash points.

Junpei who had finished his work, to the place where he last talked to Katrina——he returned to the dining hall.

He sat down on the table, and ate.

Wheat kneaded with water, food that was like Nan.

While chewing that, Junpei's face frowned unpleasantly.

The reason——is that, this sour or maybe a bitter smell. The bad smell that fills inside the dining hall faintly, but, in a level that it cannot be ignored.

It was the rotting smell of the corpses that filled inside the dining hall.

Since there was a lot of people who died, it is a very natural thing that you can say, you can see flies here and there lured by the bad smell.

Normally, Junpei thought that he should hurry up and butcher them, and change them into skills or meat or whatever drop item.

The skill he stole from Katrina.

——【Butcher】.

With this skill that had reached super-class, if it was an item that was possible to drop from a corpse, it means that he could aim for anything to make it appear.

And, the target this time is not a monster but a human. You can think that they have various kinds of skills.

That's right, that's the reason——why Junpei had postponed butchering the villagers.

To carefully select the skill that would be useful for his limited skill slots after completely confirming the situation completely.

「Well, I should stop thinking around here. If it completely rots, there wouldn't be butchering it or shit……」

And there, Junpei walked towards the middle-aged man's corpse,

and reached out his hand.

「Confirmed the death of the target. Use Hunter Skill【Butcher】」

Its body was immediately enveloped with light particles, and it changed into some materials.

Those became a shining card, and fell down while fluttering in front of Junpei.

【Human Meat】

Item Rank:
Normal

Characteristics:
Usable as an emergency food.

The instance he saw the human meat card, Junpei's face frowned a little, but immediately reconsidered, and puts that in his item box.

On the other hand, he took the skill card that came from the target, and threw that away.

「Cooking skill……there's something like that huh, well, whatever……next, next……what I want is that skill……」

One next to the other, the corpses changes into cards.

The meat card into his item box, and throws away one next to the other the trash skills that he got from the villagers.

And, after butchering the sixteenth person, Junpei's face finally loosened.

【Monster Tame】

Skill Rank:
Beginner Class

Characteristics:
Will be able to tame a monster with very weak powers.

He placed that new skill in his skill slot, and spoke to himself.

「That's right……in this facility……"that" I saw on the first day……it would be strange if they weren't anyone who didn't have this kind of skill」

And just like that, he stood up with the support of the crutch, and started walking towards outside the dining hall.

The building Junpei went to, was built alone in a distant place from the settlement.

The dining hall that seems to be the core of the village's common facilities, and the buildings that seemed to be the dormitories, storage warehouse, and clinics surrounding that in a circle.

But, only that, was in a separate place from those facilities with a distance of one kilometer.

Battered exteriors, and interiors.

Here and there, to the numerous furniture, they were pretty much decayed.

But even so, only the core of that facility that makes it what it is, in the underground rooms, those were the places that were different.

A very sturdy metal floor, walls, and——thick metal bars that are placed as partitions. You can't see any corner cuttings there.

Well that should be the case, if even one of them were able to escape into the village, there is even the possibility of human lives to be lost.

——that only means, it was the experimenting station for breeding monster meat.

The smell of feces, that filled the underground room.

It was an underground room that has a breadth of a twenty meter square, and divided by the metal bars, goblin, kobold, and slime were squirming.

In other words, the showroom of weak monsters. The monsters seem to be on the edge because the provision of food had stopped.

Why, does this breeding grounds exist inside the village.

Katrina……they were, really desperate after all.

After doing all that they could possibly do, and deciding that even with that it was impossible, they walked to the path of the Shura.

Thinking of that, he became sentiment, but even so, Junpei thought.

——thinking purely of only living, and living as human with morals, those are very different things, and a story in a different dimension.

“That’s right……”, Junpei thought.

――I, have no leeway of being sentiment, and caring for other people. In my brain’s CPU’s memory……that shit that doesn’t do a damn thing doesn’t exist.

Now, is what’s important for Junpei.

And, there was only one thing, that he should thank Katrina and the rest.

「……Pure Slime. To this surprising degree……to not let it alter it in this form……it’s amazing that you were able to raise it……」

While being moved, Junpei activated【Appraisal Eyes】.

【Pure Slime】

Danger Specification:
None

Characteristics:
The slime, is in the first place, a monster that has a low level of danger specification. This slime is it’s origin, and is placed as the weakest slime. All of the slimes that are currently confirmed, all of them sprung forth for Pure Slime. Pure slime, food diet – atmospheric temperature – hygienic environment, it has the ability to adapt in all kinds of environments. It is the weakest, but therefore, it has no colors, and therefore, it is the only slime that has the characteristics to be easily dyed.

“Un”, he nodded, and Junpei said.

「That’s right, this one……is the same with me. Skill hunter……this power also, the weakest, therefore, can change into anything. And, it is colorless, therefore, the width of strategies are also free and

unlimited……」

“That’s why”, Junpei continued.

「Without being bound by preconceptions, I was able to live up until now, and, I will also continue to live from now on. That’s right, using this slime……」

Junpei, recalled in his head the characteristics of the undead meat.

【Undead Meat】

Item Rank:
National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
Meat of the No Life King. Inedible. Because a human corpse was tinged by the fierce curses that the evil gods of the labyrinth emitted, the monster that sprung forth was a No Life King. Naturally, its meat is a block of curses, and the ones who devour it can gain a special ability. Specifically saying, the body composition changes, and as the same as an undead, your body fluid, blood, and meat will become a very strong neurotoxin.

“And……”, he reconsidered.

For it to be neurotoxic, there is a process.

As a result, poison remains in cellular level, no, it could be only like that.

And【Monster Tame】, which is specifically beginners level that it is needed, Junpei thought.

In the first place, slime is something that if nutrients are continuously given, it is a living creature that reproduces infinitely.

And of course, it also has the meaning that it is a living creature that can live even inside the item box.

「Well……within this environment……I wonder how will these grow? To be sure, I'll also be raising Pure Slimes though……」

Just like that, Junpei succeeded to place the Pure Slime as his enslaved subordinate.

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ: 637 → 638

取得ボーナスポイント: 5

ステータス

職 業 : スキル・ハンター　レベル: 638

ＨＰ : 35　ＭＰ : 175

攻撃力: 255（順平の基本値：5）　防御力: 5
※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率: 3000

装備

メイン: 魔獣の犬歯（神話級）
※神殺しの属性付与

サ ブ : S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム（国宝級）
※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

スキル

（スキルスロット残7）

◉鑑定眼（超級）
◉全状態異常耐性　◉解体（超級）　◉モンスター・テイム（初級）

属性

不死者の王
※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

使役魔

ピュア・スライム ×4500
■■■■■■・スライム ×1500

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 637 → 638
Bonus Points Gained : 5

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 638
HP : 35 MP : 175
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 3000

Equipments

Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening

Skill (Skill Slot: 7 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)
All Status Ailments Resistance
Butcher (Super-Class)
Monster Tame (Beginner Class)

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Tamed Monsters

Pure Slime x 4500
■■■■■■ Slime x 1500

Chapter 6 – The King of Pests ▼

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Night.

What she felt at first was something strange. That feeling immediately changed into a reality.

What she started to get surprised to was the temperature's sudden change.

For her who was originally from a tropical region, the temperature that is only above thirty degrees celsius a little is as usual.

But——this dry atmosphere that was like a desert was unacceptable.

She should be continuing to live her life in the same place as usual, but when she noticed, she was in a different world——she was not aware that, that was a dimensional teleportation……in other words, it's the so-called different world trip.

You could say for good or for bad, she was able to find a comfortable place to sleep immediately.

Inside the hole of a boulder, the place she would sleep, there was an existing water puddle, so she was also able to find a water source.

But, in the water puddle, was a tremendous amount of bug feces.

The water rotted, and it was releasing a bad smell to the surrounding.

“There’s no end on asking for more luxury”, she gave up, and started moving to find food.

She went outside crawling out of her sleeping space.

And, she focused on the countless numbers of living creatures that cover all the surroundings, the ones that she had felt since earlier.

——that was, a countless number of black living creatures that enveloped all of the ground.

GasaGasa, it moved, and receiving the faint light from the night’s light moss, its oily carapace shines a black luster.

While walking within through those cockroaches, the feeling of happiness that it had felt ever since it stood here changed to reality.

Compared to the region that it was living in, there are more cockroaches here.

That only means——there are many living creatures that can become feeds of the larvas.

Emerald Cockroach Bee
An insect from a tropical region, and it is famous as a parasitic bee within a group maniacs from the bizarre behavior it does during breeding.

Going right straight to the point, she——that bee lays its eggs in cockroaches.

The bee's size isn't that different from the cockroaches, so an individual bee cannot bring a cockroach inside its hive.

There was a need for them to manipulate cockroaches using their venom, and let them walk to the burrow by themselves.

That's why, it can be said that their contest relies on that one instant during their first contact.

Explaining with details……during spawning, the emerald cockroach bee catches its targeted cockroach, and inject venom to the ganglia of the chest.

It would die if the venom is too much, but it would be able to escape during the long growth peroid of the larvas if it was too few, so it is a sensitive work.

If they were able to inject venom properly, they bite off the antenna of the cockroach, and as if a necromancer, they put under their control the cockroach just like a zombie.

And after they induct it into their burrow, they lay their eggs in the cockroach.

The burrow's entrance would be completely shut using small stones and other things, and it would change into a closed space.

And just like that, after a few days pass, the egg hatch and become a larva.

The larva gradually but slowly eats the insides of the cockroach, and eat its muscles.

Within about eight days, the cockroach's insides would be already devoured, but——continuing to live because of the injected poison……it can do nothing else.

Living eight days while its insides being eaten. The cockroach's life force is surprising, but it can also be said that it is the result of the larva adjusting how it ate it so that it wouldn't die.

For the most part, within those days, the cockroach is an existence that the bee would be troubled if it to dies.

After all, things rot very fast in the tropical region. The freshness of the meat during the long growth period, it should last at the limit.

And just like that, the cockroach gradually lose its life force while being kept alive by the bee.

In the end, after around eight days have passed, the bee will become a pupa.

The emerald cockroach bee that transformed from the pupa, will eat its way out of the cockroach——as if, it was given birth by the cockroach, it would fly to the outside world.

And.

——she was suddenly thrown into a far away place from the region she was living in suddenly.

But, bees doesn't think as deeply as humans do.

Things other than being able to eat and reproduce, honestly, it would not matter at all.

With that reason, she felt worries about the lower temperature, but she was very content in her current environment.

——after all, there is no insufficiency for things to eat.

As if to pull its body, she searches for one that has fat in it, a cockroach that has a huge size as possible.

This is an aside, insects are living beings that belong to a position near shrimps and crabs as biology goes.

For that, not limited to cockroaches, it is said that most of the insects, if you don't mind how they look, they are delicious.

It only means that she who had a cockroach as a host when she was still a larva, she could only see cockroaches as delicious food.

And after this and that, she found a very fat and round cockroach.

She attacks the cockroach as her ancestors had done, and tried to inject venom to the cockroach as her ancestors had done.

But at that time——a new target, a cockroach appeared.

That was very far and very round. No, it was too large.

In that instant, her distinctive wildlife six sense sounded its largest alarm.

And finally, she finally noticed the true peculiarity of this place.

——this is a dangerous region……she thought. And that……to notice that……it was too late.

What appeared in front of her, had a height of 30 cm, and length of 3 meters, a giant……cockroach.

The hunter's side and the prey's side had already changed their

positions.

——size difference.

Be it predators, be it herbivores, that difference could not be defied……just having a large body is an absolute advantage in the natural world.

The emerald cockroach bee was swallowed instantly by the giant cockroach, and——the numerous cockroaches that were squirming around, all of them were also swallowed by the gigantic cockroaches.

That's right, this is in this world and in that world, and the fifth floor of the Interstice of the dimension and dimension's Labyrinth.

——it is the floor where the King of Pests lives in.

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Hyaha……a……

Are you energetic……today too……

Well～, this floor really is depressing……after all, the whole floor is the nest of cockroaches right……

Though, the only salvation is that this time's safety area wouldn't let cockroaches big or small enter it.

And, the advice on this floor.

The thing called cockroach is a living creature that usually wouldn't come near humans.

For example, it can be said that it's a special one in the natural world if it enters a human's house.

And, even in this floor their traits are also like that regardless of their size.

Well, you'll know it after walking, that you wouldn't be saying that……but for the meantime, the number of small cockroaches is too many so you can think of it that there are plenty of special ones.

That's right, about the next floor.

Go towards the north-east's direction. You should be able to reach it after walking for thirty minutes.

And……I don't know if you've already seen it, but it looks like this floor has a boss.

Its size is too damn large, but here's good news.

Probably about ten meters? Even if you get that close, that big one wouldn't come from its side.

But, in his territory……when you get close in a certain distance, it looks like it would be going to change its switch immediately.

A height of 30 cm, and length of 3 meters……not only as a pest, but it also a dangerous creature as a monster.

If it was attacked from this side futilely……I can't guarantee your life bro.

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Safety area.

Junpei's leather boots were drenched with the body fluids from the cockroaches he stomped on.

And there was no life on Junpei's expression, while naked, he was just single-mindedly wiping his body with the cloth with hot water.

He couldn't be blamed.

Just a moment ago, countless numbers of cockroaches were crawling all over his body.

Just thinking if it was not a boxer brief, but trunks that were full of gaps……Junpei's had goosebumps.

That was——a gruesome journey that only remembering it made his hair stand on its ends.

「Oi oi, no way……give me a break……」

That was his first words when he reached this floor.

At one look, that was a forest area.

But, the surface was covered by a black dazzle.

And when it came to the dirt road, it can even be seen as a carpet. And very strangely——that black color was moving, no, it was squirming.

KasaKasaKasaKasa

Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, or maybe hundreds of thousands.

If you look to the right, cockroach. If you look to the left, cockroach. If you look up, cockroach. If you look back, cockroach.

KasaKasaKasaKasa

The unpleasant sound even if it was only one——it was being played with a grandiose orchestra, so he couldn't be blamed if Junpei lost his words.

Anyways, it's also true that he needs to advance forward.

PuchuPuchi

Every each step forward there was a sound.

It was the sound of the body liquid that squirts from the cockroach he stepped on.

「……」

After advancing for a while, he found a water puddle with a nasty smell.

It looks like the remains of the cockroach and its feces made an

exquisite cocktail, making a very good fermentation.

And, it was the nightmare scene where the living cockroaches were swarming to that cocktail.

While holding his vomit, Junpei still advanced forward.

And there, Junpei noticed.

Within the black surface, white was sometimes mixed in it. When he looked carefully, it was one cockroach after all.

——if I think about it, the cockroach is white after shedding huh……

In the video that he saw on the internet, there was one when a smoking agent for cockroach extermination was thrown in the man hole of the restaurant district.

There was a video that after a few seconds after the pesticide was thrown in the manhole, cockroaches overflowed from the ground——I think that at that time, there was a white one.

At that time, he had researched about it, and he found out that the white cockroach's exoskeleton is soft so it wouldn't leave its nest soon after it sheds it.

That's right.

As long as it's not an emergency, white cockroaches do not go out from their nests.

——it means……this place after all……the whole floor itself is the cockroach's nest huh……

And……when Junpei had thought of that, "Hya", he let out a

pathetic high-pitched voice.

As if he was tickled, or somewhat irritated, he felt that feeling from his left foot's ankle, and in an instant, that feeling reached his thighs.

His body suddenly shivered.

He immediately crushed the cockroach that entered his inside his clothes.

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It was still bearable stomping them with his shoes, but that sound at zero distance and was in contact with his skin, was too hopeless.

「.....」

After he let out a very, very, very big sigh, he ignored the cockroaches that entered inside his clothes after that.

"Comparing to the time when Cerberus ate my arm.....", he regained himself, but even so, disgusting things are still disgusting.

And after walking for a while, he somehow found the safety area, and that what's what happened.

「Even, so.....」

Junpei who finished wiping his body, spoke to himself while washing his clothes.

With no other way, he is going to the next floor, so he would need to go through that Shura's path once more.

That's why, there's no meaning of washing it until he goes through this floor……but the reason why he would still wash it, is because he's Japanese.

And, he had gained many clothes from Katrina's village.

The original tattered clothes were already placed inside his item box, and there is a lot of stocks of clothes that are in good condition.

But, the reason that he's washing it to use it again instead of throwing it away——that was also, because he's Japanese after all.

「A cockroach with height of 30 cm, and length of 3 meters huh……」

It's famous that when all living creatures on Earth are converted to human size, the strongest would be insects.

For example, ants would be able to pull tons of weight, and a locust's jump would be able to reach more than a hundred meters with one flight.

——and, cockroaches would sprint in 300km/h.

It is a nightmare scene that you wouldn't want to imagine……but for some reason, Junpei smiled there.

「Cerberus……it should be faster」

It's true, that when he confronted the mythological beast in the floor before, Cerberus released and attack that left the sound,

creating shockwaves.

And his speed is much faster than that time.

There, Junpei started thinking after making his item box appear.

「It's an insect so its exoskeleton should be hard. It's doubtful if Cerberus's canine and my arm strength could pierce it……no, it's better to think that that would be enough」

And, he continued while narrowing his eyebrows.

「……so, because of that, I can only use the insect's traits as an advantage……un, the requirements are complete. But, the problem is whether this is going to be enough or not」

And there, he clapped his fist while shaking his head sidewards.

「Well, in speeds, I am probably faster. If it was impossible, then when it is……if it's like that……I should pick on it all that I can and just run away」

And then, he took out few bed sheets from his item box and placed it on the ground.

He lined up the numerous small pots that he took out on top of that.

After walking around the forest that was full of cockroaches, he finally saw that.

「Oi oi, for it to be……white huh」

The white colored cockroach that has a height of 30 cm, a length of 3 meters, and had just shed, was in a place 20 meters ahead of Junpei.

PuchiPuchiPuchi, with that sound, the cockroaches around, was being devoured by that giant cockroach.

——cannibalism.

The food pyramid of this floor exists with the cockroach's king on the top of it.

But, nevertheless, Junpei took out the very rusty knife that he took from Katrina's village.

And he threw that towards the giant cockroach.

Gururi, it's antenna twisted, and *Gishishishishi*, the cockroach let out its cry.

「Because it's white, because it's exoskeleton is weak……I thought that maybe even a knife would be able to do damage though」

After confirming that the cockroach had bitten the hook, he turned back.

「Well, I guess that's too much positive thinking huh. Well then, let's start……it's a game of tag」

With an acceleration time of almost zero, the giant cockroach reached its maximum speed of 300km/h.

——yosh, it's possible with this.

He dodged the cockroach's charge by twisting his body to the side at the last moment.

And, he jumped and grabbed the tree's branch. He jumped from branch to branch just like a monkey.

Junpei made his status specialized in evasion.

The dash power belongs purely in the strength category, so he wouldn't be able to win with a simple foot race. But if it is an acrobatic game of tag that uses the environment……there's a good chance to win.

「Hehe……you're too slow!!」

The cockroach jumped, and flew towards Junpei who was on top of the trees, but Junpei laughed at it while dodging with ease.

——I am surely getting strong. As I've thought, with my speed, it's on the level that it could keep up even in this labyrinth.

Every time Junpei jumped from tree to tree, the cockroach also jumps, or maybe flies, and jumps towards Junpei's torso while opening its huge jaws.

Although, his opponent moves from all directions with speeds of Shinkansen. Being able to easily dodge it, is not equal to being able to dodge it continuously.

As a proof, it is unknown how many times it was, but——every time he dodges, one part of Junpei's clothes are being bitten off.

It makes Junpei have a cold sweat, but he immediately made a smile, and jumped towards the next branch of the tree.

And the cockroach also chases after Junpei by charging.

Junpei jumped into the branch of the tree, and from there, he jumped straight up.

Passing through the space where he was, the cockroach plunged to the next tree as if to slide without decelerating.

「This is the dead end!」

Numerous sheets that are hanged between the branches of trees.

Those sheets that release a pungent odor is ones that are soaked with 80% alcohol.

The giant cockroach that plunged straight to that was covered with the sheets——it means that it's now covered with alcohol.

It's not only cockroaches, but many insects use an organ called spiracles to allow oxygen to enter its body.

And, the cockroach's body is covered by oil, and alcohol has effects that melt those oil.

The melted oil blocks the spiracles.

As a result, the cockroach wouldn't be able to allow oxygen to enter its body anymore. This theory is being used cockroach extermination sprays, and it is also an extermination way that has effects on many insects.

Long story short, it makes it suffocate.

「Now then, go dance……you damn insect!」

While being covered by sheets, the cockroach rolled around like crazy, and twisted its antenna.

And after tens of seconds, the cockroach sopped moving, and its antenna hanged to the ground.

From the tree, Junpei jumped down to the ground, and spoke to himself.

「Well then, I'll set in on fire to end it huh. It's a cockroach, so it should be weak to fire right」

It's soaked in a high dose of alcohol, so if there's a spark it should burn into flames immediately.

When he took out flint from his item box, the cockroach's antenna moved.

Shu, with a wind cutting sound, the antenna had a clean hit to Junpei's jaws.

Dawan he felt his brain shake, and Junpei fell to one of his knees.

——this is……really bad. To a dying insect, on top of that with its antenna……I really have……too much of a paper defense……

He couldn't get his balance, and within the consciousness that might disappear even now, he lighted the cockroach with the flint.

At the same time, *Kii*, the cockroach cried and ran towards a direction diagonal to him——from the start, the last attack that it did towards Junpei was its last resist——it collapsed.

It wasn't a deadly damage, but getting dizzy after their brain being shaken, in the human anatomy, it is an unavoidable condition.

Junpei who confirmed that the cockroach had died, and fell to his

back as if to get relieved, he was closing his eyes. But, his eyes widened there.

「Haha……that's not fair」

He was able to see not white, but black, six giant cockroaches.

As the proverb says that if you found one in your house, think that there's twenty, the king size cockroach also……did not exist in this floor alone.

He focused his strength on his arm and tried to stand up, but his body won't listen.

And——his consciousness became in a state of being half-awake.

Gishishishishi, the cockroaches from far away were delighted.

They would be able to get 60 kilograms of quality protein without hardships, so that couldn't be helped.

They approached Junpei slowly, and when one of the cockroaches were about to gnaw at him, that happened without premonition.

「Sàn」(散)

Pon, with that sound, the cockroach that was about to gnaw at Junpei burst exploded, and scattered its insides in its place. The organs that scattered immediately turned into a black mist and dissipates, and not a speck were left.

「……it's been a while. Un……really, it's been a while」

Junpei's sight was dull, and he cannot confirm it clearly——but her age was about the same as Junpei, it was a girl with black hair and fair white skin.

She sends her gaze towards Junpei.

She was telling him something, but his consciousness was already in a place far away, so he couldn't hear her clearly.

「Humans are……■■■■■. Because they're frail, they can scatter ■■■ and ■■■ with ■■……that's right, as you have told me. And it's because of your words that I was able to be ■■■」

And, she continues.

「But, most probably……what I can ■■ to the labyrinth itself, would be in the limit of this lower floor……this is the last time. Until the deep floors——don't ■■■ okay? The one who would kill you is me, or maybe ■■■■■ alright」

And there, Junpei's consciousness was completely cut.

She narrowed her eyebrows and spoke to Junpei.

「Oi……did you really fell asleep……? Fu～……well, anyways. If that's the case, I should go exterminate the pests」

If Junpei's consciousness was clear, and if he appraised her, he would've been really surprised.

——after all, she is……

Finally, inside the darkness of the night, her right eye started to shine faintly.

And she said this after looking around the remaining five cockroaches in the surrounding.

「Search Condition : Sweeping Cockroaches and Without Injuries. In addition, avoid direct contact with cockroaches as long as its possible」

And, “Un”, she nodded.

「Confirming the optimal solution until condition finished. Starting now, with six moves, you will be decomposed to the molecular level and die」

And, she continued while cracking her knuckles.

「Firstly, the first move……a speech. The defined fate that was derived from twenty-four million patterns——no one can resist me, the one who have the magic eyes that sees into the future. Well then, let’s start? Small fries?」

And.

When Junpei woke up, when all of it has ended……the only one remaining there was the burnt carcass of the one cockroach he killed.

「……was it……a dream?」

Even if he whispered that, no one answers.

「……there’s no help thinking about it……huh. Either way…… receiving this much damage from one antenna attack……is seriously bad……」

While making an unconvinced face, Junpei started walking towards the next floor.

**Buchari*, *Buchari*,* while hearing the unpleasant sound of stepping on cockroaches.

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ:　638 → 650

取得ボーナスポイント:　60

ステータス

職 業 :　スキル・ハンター　　レベル:　650

ＨＰ :　95　　ＭＰ :　175

攻撃力:　255（順平の基本値：5）　防御力:　5
※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率:　3000

装備

メイン:　魔獣の犬歯（神話級）
※神殺しの属性付与

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（スキルスロット残7）

◉鑑定眼（超級）

◉全状態異常耐性　◉解体（超級）　◉モンスター・テイム（初級）

属性

不死者の王

※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

使役魔

ピュア・スライム ×4500

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Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 638 → 650
Bonus Points Gained : 60

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 638
HP : 95 MP : 175
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
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Evasion Efficiency : 3000

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Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
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All Status Ailments Resistance
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Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Tamed Monsters

Pure Slime x 4500
■■■■■■ Slime x 1500

Chapter 7 – The Ten Thousand Army ▼

Junpei was speechless.

That floor, a five hundred meter square was as if it all made with concrete——it was a space that had a grey color in all of its surfaces.

When he opened the door, the safety area was there immediately.

That's right.

The same as the time with Cerberus, it was a safety area from the start.

Junpei thinks, that meaning from it being a safety area from the start……is the thing that appeared when the difficulty is too high, that it is probably the spider's thread from God.

As a proof——the enemy this time compared to the enemy up until now, the impact was very different the instance he saw them.

If only the shock of that scene is being talked about, it is overwhelmingly the best, and the worst up until now.

「This place called Interstice Labyrinth……it looks like anything can really happen huh……」

The scene that beholds in front of Junpei——that was, as far as he could see, human, human, human.

Their body clad in silver armor, equipped with spears and sword, it

was a group wearing a western armor and equipments……no, with the same meaning as that has, it was an army.

The estimation is thousands……no, maybe there are more than ten thousand.

Saying it in a modern way, it was a situation when inside a baseball dome, the arena's audience seat was filled by people all wearing western armor and equipments. If it was a normal singer, she would probably be totally dumbfounded in the stage.

Junpei who for the meantime took out his handgun from his waist, shot towards one of them who was nearby.

In the borderline of the safety area, the bullet that Junpei's Magnum shot, **Shupon**, with that kind of a ridiculous sound, it disappeared.

And there, he shook his shoulder as if he had bitten off a bitter bug.

「……I see, rule change huh……. Well, shooting from the safety area……if that was possible……this floor is too easy」

The data analysis from the【Appraisal Eyes】is the following.

【Rindall Imperial Army】

Danger Specification:
Individual **E** / Group **S+**

Characteristics:
An army of a country from some dimension. During a large-scale exercise, when the army that exceeds a thousand suddenly disappeared, it caused a huge uproar during that world's time. The reason for disappearing, was that unluckily, they got caught up with the distortion of

dimension that emerged. They are accompanied by one battalion of court magicians, so not only with the physical battles, but they can also deal with magic shooting battles. They are originally humans, and their body disposition is human, but they lost their sanity because of the effects of the mana of the evil gods that fills the labyrinth, so their nature has become near that of a monster's. Because of that, they cannot come close inside the sacred grounds.

A very, very deep sigh.

Soon after, Junpei started to read the letter from the Ossan that has a weirdly bright tone.

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Hyaha～!

Brother! How are you!

Out of the frying pan into the fire! This time, the opponent's an army!

If it is properly challenged, first, you need four to five the continent's strongest class of magicians that are more than level 200.

If you're asking what to do with that, as soon as the fight starts, it's to shoot a super duper class of large-scale destruction magic and end it with one shot.

But, the opponent also has one battalion of magicians.

If they made a defensive barrier from the start, so however great companions you can gather, it's pretty much an impossible game.

If it comes to that, it would be counting on the stamina of the melee jobs……most probably.

Well, either way, other than magicians, you would also need to gather plenty of high-leveled melee jobs.

Eh? What am I going to do in front of this army then?

That's why, I told you before right, that I'm a solo player. And I'm a jobless NEET in Japan……don't make me say it, it's embarrassing right!

Ahh, I got off the topic.

It's about what I'm going to do……well, just like what I did up to now, I'll run okay?

……I'm only level 200……but I'll run away?

No, honestly, I was thinking that a pretty decent monster would appear soon……so I continued taking safety margins up until now.

Until now, there was really a monster that I could have probably done(killed)……but the risk is too high.

And……as you know, there wasn't an easy monster that appeared.

It's getting pretty bad. In fact, I'm being cornered.

Well, anyways……let's stop the gloomy ones.

……let's do it with steam――!

And, it's about what I'm going to do right.

For the meantime, these guys, each one of them is weak. And, they also can't fly.

If you fly to about three hundred meters above, these guys don't have means of attacking that can deal with that. Even magic would lose most of its effect.

And, I'm, level 200, and in the outside world, I'm a pretty famous treasure hunter you know, I'm pretty strong normally.

And furthermore, I'm from the group of different world reincarnations……so the capacity of my item box is so bad. Really, you can pretty much put anything inside it.

What I want to say is.

ChararaChaChaCha～n! A flying carpet!

Yes, I will go up to the next floor's door through the sky at once.

Well, I might receive some damage, but I should be able to do something about it.

And with that, Adios!

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「It looks like Ossan was starting to get cornered huh……well, with just running around……that would happen huh. I mean, if he dies,

I'll be in a lot of trouble……」

"Well then……", Junpei, the note that Ossan left, he threw it away.

The armored group that spread in front of him, the sound of metals rubbing.

Koho～*, *Koho～, and, the breath that could be heard from inside the armor.

――their total number, more than ten thousand.

And there, Junpei looked up, and smiled deprecatingly.

「Okay～. Ossan……doing it with steam whatever situation it is, is important」

"And with that", Junpei took a deep breath, and called out towards the group with western armor and equipments with a loud voice.

「Now――――, cheerfully……simply until the end……let's do this……!!」

And, he made a very calm and composed simile.

「With only Cerberus's canine, I can probably kill a human wearing an armor. But……even if I challenged them only with evasion, and even if I did it properly……after killing around two or three hundred, from losing focus, or running out of stamina……I'll get caught and killed」

Pa, he clapped his hands.

「Now, everyone look at me, what I took out, is a truly, very strange thing――item box」

Together with a dramatic tone, Junpei called out his item box.

When he opened the lid of the item box, **NyuruNyuru**, something squirming jumped out.

「What appears from inside, are infinite slime……that is all」

Each one of them had a diameter of about 30 – 40 cm.

The dark violet slime crawled out of the item box with a tremendous momentum.

「Well then, gentlemen of the Rindall Empire's army……I will make you play with me?」

And, the slimes exceeded the field of the safety area without hesitation, and towards the soldiers, they crawled in a straight line.

To the sudden event, the soldiers got petrified in an instant.

After a long time, when they thought that a human prey had come up from the lower floor, it suddenly called out tons of smiles, and made them charge.

In whatever dimension, and in whatever would it is——the thing called slime, it is always called as the weakest monster.

It's true, that the creature called slime has an outstanding adaptability to the environment.

If it was in the state of a pure slime, it can grow to anything adapting to its environment, and it can survive even severe situations.

But, it's an ability that they have because they're weak.

That's right, because the slime is too weak, it means that it needs the ability to be able to survive in any kind of place.

It's true, that when a Pure Slime is raised under a special environment, there is the possibility that there might be a strong individual that can be created.

But, however, after all, a slime is a slime, its fighting power is within the small fries.

——it would be said a lot of times, but slime is the small fry of the small fries. Within the Interstice Labyrinth that proudly has the extreme difficulty, it is a monster that is too ill-matched for a monster tamer to enslave.

Even though they had become half monsters, the soldiers that are basically living beings that are close to humans, "Why something like a slime……", it is a natural thing for them to have that doubt.

As if to answer to the doubt of those soldiers, Junpei had a laughter.

「I'll make you play with me alright? It's the start of the hell's muddy battle」

One next to the other, violet slimes emerged from the item box.

Their numbers were abnormal, and you can even think as if there's unlimited of them.

Engaging them, an army with an arranged formation with their spears.

The line of spears is held at the ready, a needle mountain, or maybe——a formation that can be called as a wall.

And towards them who was completely prepared, the violet slimes jumped without caring that they were pierced by the spears.

——and just like that, the one-sided massacre had started.

Most of the slimes, they charged defenselessly to the line of spears, and gets skewered.

And, some slimes, were burnt by the magician's flames, and evaporated.

The slimes that were lucky, were able to avoid the spear attacks, but they were cut into two with swords.

The slime's body fluid's——heavy, and bitter smell.

And in addition, that was burnt, and the smell that was like sulfur, gently got mixed with it, and started stinking.

Or maybe, that was a terrible smell that even induced weakness.

Already, the slime's corpses had counted over hundreds.

But, however, still, the slimes continued to charge.

On the other side, the confusion couldn't be hidden from the soldiers.

Because they have perfectly formed the engaging preparations, they have no casualties.

They were only dealing with the slimes that were just defenselessly charging as if they were harbingers, so it was the obvious results.

There are instants when several of them jumped at the same time, a group had broken their formations, but with the follows of the ones using swords and magic that were behind them, they manage to avoid further problems.

——but, even so, still, Junpei, he continued to make the slimes charge.

While standing by himself at the safety area, just single-mindedly, the slimes, he continued to order them to die.

While distorting his mouth, as if to have fun, and as if to get happy, he watched the slimes get torn apart, and continued to watch that reckless kamikaze attack.

And just about that time, the group of slimes was engulfed by a wide-ranged flame magic.

And there, a clear bitter expression ran through Junpei's face.

Maybe, if the soldiers were sane, they might have been able to notice that subtle change in Junpei's expression.

That's right, since this battle had started, the only time when his expression fell into the negative direction, was when flame type magic was used on the slimes.

Even when they are sliced with hollow blades, not even when the time when they were skewered with ice blades, it's only, during the time when they are burned, he made a frowning expression for some reason.

And right now, he counted the numbers of the slimes getting burnt in front of him, and after thinking for a while, he spoke to himself.

「Until now……the ones that are burnt haven't reached ten percent

of the whole……well, if it's only that much……it's within the acceptable range huh……」

And just like that, slimes that continued to emerge from Junpei's item box.

Stabbed with spears and their body fluids flew and scattered.

Slashed with swords, their meat chunks flew and scattered.

And, with magic, the slimes are getting massacred.

Approximately one hour of genocide, the result of continuous reckless charge——in that floor's floor, there was a tremendous amount of slime meat and body fluids left alone.

And there, finally, the phenomenon of slimes emerging from inside Junpei's item box had stopped.

Looking at the meat chunks that was once a slime that was greatly scattered around, Junpei made a huge nod.

「Yosh, with this, the work's finished huh……the only thing left to do is, to wait for it to happen」

And just like that, from the item box, he took out firewood and thin branches, and took out straws. (TL: 藁(wara))
And after he piled up few firewoods, he pushed in the thin branches in the gaps, and lastly, he ignited the straw.

And immediately, a bonfire was complete.

He slowly sat there, and took out grains and Cerberus's dried meat.

Without caring about the soldiers that covered his surroundings with no gaps——he started to put water into the pot.

He threw meat, and grains that were similar to rice inside the pot, and after lightly putting salt, he covered it using its lid.

「Yosh, until the food gets cooked, I should take a nap……」

“Well then……”, and just like that, Junpei took out a blanket from his item box, and got to his side there.

It looks like, he was cooking something like a porridge, but――the soldiers were the ones who got unsettled.

That should be the case, within this situation, Junpei, he treated them as if the were not there――――and started to make a proper camp.

「Fu～……」

He checked the time with his wristwatch, right now, it is six thirty in the morning.

“Well then”, he slowly stood up.

With familiar movements, from the water bag, he poured water into a bucket.

He washed his face with yawns, and next, he started to brush his teeth with a tree branch that he chewed.

Next, he puts a few roasted beans and water inside a pot, and placed it into the bonfire.

And, after he lightly cracked his neck, he played a song inside his head.

That was a song that any person in Japan knows.

——in other words, radio exercise number one.

Junpei himself, he thought that that work everyday is weird, but it was his daily routine even when he was still in Japan, so it can't be helped.

After completing that series of actions, after he ended his last deep breath, from the pot that was raising steam pretty nicely, he poured the hot water into a cup.

And there, as if to let out a sigh of relief, he sat in his place.

The most thankful thing from the last, last floor, was that he was able to find coffee beans.

Junpei, he is a heavy caffeine addict, and ever since he came to this world, that was one of the most serious problems.

He slurped the bitter juice very contently.

And just like that, with lifeless eyes, Junpei observed the scene in front of his eyes.

——already for about a week, he had stayed on this floor.

Tent, a bathing place, and other minimum necessary facilities are set up.

Even if he was told to live here for a month, that should be possible.

“Anyways……”, Junpei drank all of his coffee.

「It’s about time……huh」

The scene that spreads in front of him, that was, a countless number of flocks of the dead men wearing armor.

The ones that were “infected” at the beginning are starting to rot, and small flies were starting to swarm.

「The protein that I went my way on preparing for the slimes……I can’t let the flies eat them right」

It has already passed three days ever since they stopped breathing, and since there are also a lot of stocks of Pure Slimes.

Then……there might’ve been not a need to wait for this long.

But, the requirement for continuing to use a lot of slimes from now on, a wasteful sacrifice……no, saying it clearly, he didn’t want to lose wasteful food.

The grains that he gained in the Interstice Village isn’t infinite.

And, in front of him was a quality feed……there was a lot of corpses.

Increase them when he can——and even if they decrease by themselves——the maximum number right now, this, as much as possible, he wanted to reserve them.

That’s why, he waited for this long. Until all of the soldiers were annihilated——

For example, there were some soldiers were infected, but not yet died.

In that case, it is possible to assume that the Pure Slimes might be killed. Their numbers might be tens, or maybe they will exceed hundreds.

He could not make the Pure Slimes become victims of those useless things.

And, from his item box, Junpei called out the Pure Slimes, and sent them outside of the safety area.

Because he needed to reproduce the “Pandemic Slime” that he lost in the earlier fight.

With tremendous speeds, the slimes devoured the corpses.

After thirty minutes had passed, the movements of half of the slimes started weakening.

“Well, that should be the case……”, Junpei thought.

「No Life King. The Undead King’s……their eating its worst virus after all……even if it was the Pure Slime, it’s not like all of them would be able to adapt」

【Undead Meat】

Item Rank:
National Treasure Class

Characteristics:
Meat of the No Life King. Inedible. Because a human corpse was tinged by the fierce curses that the evil gods of the labyrinth emitted, the monster that sprung forth was a No Life King. Naturally, its meat is a block of curses, and the ones who devour it can gain a special ability.

Specifically saying, the body composition changes, and as the same as an undead, your body fluid, blood, and meat will become a very strong neurotoxin.

That was the explanatory texts of the undead meat had before, but from some time, the following additional notes started to appear inside Junpei's head.

From his own physical body that he had observed every day.....the further insight of the【Appraisal Eyes】might've worked.

Anyways, the contents are the following.

About The Cause of The Undead King's Meat Becoming a Neurotoxin.

The Undead, is literally frankly, points to the ones that had have died. There are various opinions on how you would define dying, but it is the state of not being able to maintain the homeostasis of the body……in this case, it would be defined that way. And in addition, it is the state when the maintenance of the homeostasis is impossible, or in other words, it is the state when metabolism and the immune system is lost, and putrefaction/predation by bacteria, microorganisms, and insects of the like have started, and when the original shape of the insides are not being kept. But, the undead meat, starting with the No Life King's, even if it would rot, it does not break apart. Or maybe, there are even species like the vampires that have the same appearance as the normal humans that exists. In the first place, why are undead being called the undead. That is, because of the longevity that exceeds the human race, or maybe their abnormal recovery abilities, or maybe for their toughness. Those abilities are gained by completely exchanging the somatic cells of the metabolism from a normal human's. The body of the undead lose its homeostasis, and the somatic cells stop their mitosis.

But, they have a consciousness, and it is possible for them to move. You can say, that is the opposite version of being brain dead. It means, it is the close to the state of only the body is dead. And there, from the evil ways that were created in ancient times——they substitute their metabolism. By doing that, it means that the undead can maintain their bodies. It is being said that the undead's origins started from the immortality research by a heretic monk that had mastered alchemy.

The evil way that that founder devised. The thing called alchemy, is a study that have the same roots as chemistry that had evolved——that evil way only means, saying if for a modern person to understand, you can call it as a virus. To make the corpse that is their seedbed last longer, for them to reproduce more and more——the virus have the utility to stimulate the cells, and forcibly activate the metabolism. It means, that virus will do that in its host's stead——no, they are created to do that. That is why they call it an evil way. For example, the ones that have the balance of their somatic cell division and necrosis has broken becomes zombie types. Or maybe, the ones that have the balance that is within the range of not that far away from a normal human becomes vampire types. And, the ones who have the resistance and the power to control and adjust those viruses——they are, the Undead. Specifically saying, the virus are repeatedly reproducing and dying inside the body of the undead. Every time that the homeostasis needed is done, for them to not increase too much, they are moderately decreased by the antibody that the undead has, and the remaining minimum amounts would enter a dormant state. As a result, it is not enough to infect others, but that poison remains in the meat of the undead. And it means that that was the ones that are the neurotoxin. Also, it is not needed to say that if a normal person is infected with the virus that is being mentioned, with infection within forty-eight hours, there is a very high possibility of death. To resist it, the specific medicine that the founder, the heretic monk left——there is only the way of relying on the holy water that is sold in places like the church, recorded in many literatures.

And there, Junpei made a huge nod.

「And……in my meat, that virus, it is in an extremely low amount, but, in addition, a specific number exists in the form of being dormant. On top of that……it can adapt to any environment, no, the slime's characteristics that it accepts the environment as it is……」

Although, half of the Pure Slimes in front of him could not adapt to the virus, and dulls their life activity.

But, the surfaces of the other slimes that did not die, a violet color starts to mix with it.

——that, is the evolution to the Pandemic Slime.

The weakened slimes, becomes slimes with violet colors that had evolved, and started to devour the whole human corpse.

It gained food, the slimes divides.

In contrast to that, continued to be devoured, the number of corpses decreasing.

「Just like an undead, they won't control the virus. In the slime's case, they accept it as it is, and live together. And the body fluid of those slime……of course, they are full of virus」

"That's right, it means……", Junpei, he raised his middle finger towards the flocks wearing an armor that turned into corpses.

「——it's an outbreak」

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A space where all of the surfaces were white.

Within the empty space, one tree had grown.

And under that tree, one girl was standing with a languishing expression.

Her height was about 150 cm, and her appearance's age looks like she's 17.

The silk golden hair that extended to her waist, and her facial features that it was as if you took it from a western doll——and, her clothes.

With black as its base, clothes that were gothic lolita-like that has a red color accent. That girl, she whispered while she was gripping the circular straw rope that was hanged down from the branch of the tree.

「This time……I feel that I can go」

After saying only that, the straw rope ring, she passed her own head through it, and tied it tightly.

And, she greatly raises her feet——and kicked the foothold with her heel.

The situation that would inevitably come, in short——hanging her

neck.

Rather than stopping the pulse, it was as if it crushed the trachea itself instead, gravity and the straw rope strangled her neck.

Instantly, her face lost blood, and it exceeded white, instead it got dyed with a violet color.

The muscle tenses——and loosens, urine, and feces……a lot of excrements, flowed from her crotch who was hanging in the air.

——ahh, with this……I can go!!

With a delightful expression, her eyes had started to roll into its whites, in that instant.

The high pitched voice of a boy, echoed throughout that space.

「Not yet, I will not let you go yet……!! The same immortal, and absolute one……dying only by yourself, don't you think that is too good for you?」

Pachiri, the sound of the boy's finger snapping.

In an instance, the girl's expression that lost its colors returned to normal, and the excrements returned as if it was a video played backward.

And, for some reason, the straw rope was severed in the middle, and the girl fell to the floor just like that.

「……hurry up and let me die……release me from this time prison!!」

She said as if to beg, to the place where she looked.

Unnoticed, there was a television that was about 60 inches set near

the tree.

The cords that extend from the television, was a game device and controller. And, the boy that really suits the word androgynous that controls that.

Wearing a visual-kei suit uniformed with black that has a lot of gaps for skin.

Using the controller with one hand, his other hand, was still in the position after snapping his finger.

And there, he made a huge nod with deep emotions.

「Fufu, Sperancat……this main character's weak physique……there are similarities to the living things that I have created. Within a would full of death, controlling the main character very well, and escape the fate of ruin that should have been inevitable……it was a pretty fun game……」

While staring at the ending scene, to the deeply moved boy, the girl whispered with a dumbfounded face.

「Kami-sama, only playing games every day……also, please hurry up and release me」

「Only playing games huh……I guess that's true. But, can't you not blame me too much? I have always repeated boredom in for an overwhelming time. But, the sub culture that the human race created this time……game, manga, anime……these are amazing things」

"That's right", the God continued.

「Even if I was the user, it has an effect for killing time. This games……goodness, this is a very amazing thing. This time's

human race」

To the God that was seemingly excited, the girl boringly said.

「Un, I understood. I don't care about that, so please hurry up and release me」

「Hahaha, kill you? That is nonsense」

「Un. I know. The contract with you……is to become a god exclusive maid. With the conditions other than death would be granted——I have served you here, but I cannot bear it anymore. Whatever I do, it cannot be something that can make me pass time. That's why, please, please hurry up and release me. Please save me. Please kill me……」
The God that was ignoring all of the girl's begging made a huge nod.

「And, the other one here, what happened」

"Anyways", the boy placed a finger in the middle of his eyebrows, and closed his eyes.

And then, the God crouched in that place while hugging his stomach, and started to raise laughter.

「Kukuku……fufufu……hahaha!! Takeda Junpei-kun, you, you're really, that kind of man huh……it's fun!! No, this is going to be fun!! ……kufufu. As I've thought, you're not normal……with that labyrinth as an opponent, how long can you last……this is really very interesting huh!!」

"Even so", the God returned his very cheerful expression back to normal, and changed it into a face with tension.

「As I've thought……even if it's him……sooner or later, he would be

devoured by the monsters that received the Odo of the evil gods in the labyrinth」

“But, however……”, the God continued.

「Before he does his revenge, for it to become like that……is too boring. I want to see. That’s right, I want to see——how he, or what kind of revenge shall he do to his former classmates. Or maybe——」

After taking a breath, from the bottom of his heart, as if he could not wait for it any longer, he made a suffocating expression.

「……in that world, he who already gained inhuman powers, towards common people, how would he move against them」

And there, **Pon**, the God hit his palm.

「Hmm. I see……he’s almost level 1000……right? Then, as an inhuman one, he could be a candidate for『Kodoku』. If that’s the case……having contact with me, and me having the qualification to interfere with him……in the rules, it’s safe……huh」

And just like that, the God started to think of something, and his mouth distorted as if to have fun.

「Right now, his level is 818……until he reached level 1000, until he really stops being a human……there’s only……it’s already that near huh」

And, inside the empty space, the boy, without a destination, started to walk.

「——and, with that……for the meantime, let’s go to that labyrinth huh!」

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ: **650 → 818**

取得ボーナスポイント: **840**

ステータス

職 業： **スキル・ハンター**　レベル: **818**

ＨＰ： **935**　ＭＰ： **175**

攻撃力: **255**（順平の基本値：5）　防御力: **5**
※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率: **3000**

装備

メイン: **魔獣の犬歯**（神話級）
※神殺しの属性付与

サ ブ： **S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム**（国宝級）
※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

スキル

（スキルスロット残7）

◉ **鑑定眼**（超級）
◉ **全状態異常耐性**　◉ **解体**（超級）　◉ **モンスター・テイム**（初級）

属性

不死者の王
※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

使役魔

ピュア・スライム ×1500 → 250 → 500
パンデミック・スライム ×4500 → 0 → 15000

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 650 → 818
Bonus Points Gained : 840

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 818
HP : 935 MP : 175
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 3000

Equipments

Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening

Skill (Skill Slot: 7 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)

All Status Ailments Resistance

Butcher (Super-Class)

Monster Tame (Beginner Class)

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Tamed Monsters

Pure Slime x 1500 → 250 → 500
Pandemic Slime x 4500 → 0 → 15000

Chapter 8 – The S-Rank Adventurers ▼

Interstice Labyrinth, 7th floor.

Predation of corpses and reproduction by slimes. Junpei who had ended that one series of tasks, he was taking his last break before going to the next floor.

The place where he is right now, was not the entrance to this floor, but near the exit.
Even if an unexpected accident happens, for it to be possible to escape immediately towards the next floor, he spent about one to two days with that place as the camp site.

Currently, it is night time on this floor, and the strange light that was shining the whole floor has completely disappeared.

Relying on the bonfire's fire, he checked his status plate.

——level 818.

The level up bonus points, even if you deduct that it is one-third of an advanced job in Junpei's case, it was clear that he entered the field that you might get overwhelmed.

The top Sword Saint in the continent is roughly about level 300.

Assuming that the average for S-Rank adventures is level 200, it was about time, his own strength should be already close to the top position in the outside world.

——what only remains, is to clear this labyrinth……and go outside.

If I finished that……every one of them……

And after thinking around there, Junpei felt something and stood up.

He looked around, and clicked his tongue lightly.

He immediately extinguished the bonfire with sand, and from that place——towards the sixth floor, he ran with quiet steps.

——it was a group of four men.

Once upon a time, the Interstice Labyrinth, including S-Ranks, it devoured an extraordinary number of adventurers. And because of its notoriety, in this hundred years, there were almost no new challengers that had appeared.

But, however, it is very come that the rumors would weather with time.

A handsome man with golden hair that was clad in a golden armor. A red-haired man, and a white-haired old man.

You can call them respectively as, Holy Knight, Dragon Knight, and Great Sage.

The remaining one——the man clad with black clothes that wield a Jet Black Demon Sword lets out a complaint.

「But, it's too disappointing huh. The skills as an adventurer are S-Rank——even though the four of us who are called the tactical weapons of the countries went to gather……」

「That's true. I have expected a fierce battle from the first floor. But the monster wouldn't appear at all..... but, it's true, that it was a tremendous amount of corpses though.....」

Together with a sigh, the Holy Knight with a long golden hair continued with a polite tone.

「But.....we were not able to take items from those corpses. Most probably, it was after the person who went further took all of it」

「The treasures are.....postponed huh. If it was from a high ranked adventurer.....expectations would be high though」

「By the way, in the further area——let's assume that there was someone who took all the treasures. There, if that person is alive.....it can be assumed that that person would not honestly give them to us. In that case, what are you planning?」

「Well, of course, right? We'll kill him and steal them」

Other than the Demon Swordsman, the Sage, the Dragon Knight seems to have the same opinion, they hugely nodded.

「Then, in the case when we meet normal people who does not have treasure?」

「This is outside of the law.....even if the enemy is human, you can level up you know? And, the guys who enter here.....most of them are high-leveled. In the first place, in the outside world, because there wasn't strong enemies, so——our levels, more than this.....it had gotten hard to increase. And because of that, we are.....hey..... don't make me say all of it」

「Are you really planning to do(kill) that? Everyone, what do you think about that?」

The white haired old man——the sage nodded, and the red-haired Dragon Knight shook his head sidewards.

「——if it is a woman, I will not let you kill her」

The Demon Swordsman who was clad in black changed his expression.

He closed into the Dragon Knight, and lashes at him.

「What do you mean? Are you saying to throw away the enormous experience points? I mean, because there aren't other ways for leveling up, that's why we're here right? I told it earlier, this is outside of the law. In a genuine meaning, strength is justice right?」

There, the Dragon Knight laughed humorously.

「That's right. In here, justice is served where the strength is…… then, if the opponent is a woman, she would be raped and killed」

There, the holy knight started to laugh while hugging his stomach.

「Well～, everyone, you're really pieces of shit」

「A? Shit you say? You bastard……what the hell do you want to say?」

The Holy Knight answered with a composed face.

「I will accompany you guys. But, I have one thing that I cannot yield to」

「You can't yield to? If you start saying those damn commandment nonsense peculiar to that of the holy church, I'll kick your ass?」

“No, not at all”, the Holy Knight said with a careless smile while shaking his head.

「If it was a woman……I’m going to do it first alright?」

And there, the group’s laughter echoed.

「Haha, this is great. Well well, what a tremendous holy knight exist……okay～, okay～! I’m fine with that……mister dragon knight, you alright with that?」

「It can’t be helped」

「In the first place, it has been a while since I have retired in those kinds of things. Do what you want」

And there, “Pan”, the Demon Swordsman hit his palm.

「With this, once again……everyone’s unity is in order huh」

“Even so……”, the Holy Knight looked around.

「This labyrinth, what is really going on in it? The monsters on this floor too……they don’t exist? Four who are S-Rank leveled……is it a very exaggerated fighting powers after all」

——within the darkness, near the entrance of the safety area.

Junpei who hid in the shadows of a tree lets out a deep sigh.

And, he made a ruthless conclusion within his heart, and took out his forty-one caliber magnum from the holster he placed in his

clothes.

——ahh, I see. In the first quick attack, I need to kill them, or else……I'm the one whose going to be killed for sure. Because…… these guys——they're the same with Kido, Noriko, and the rest.

In short——

——they're pieces of trash……

With his handgun on one of his hands, Junpei got ready to attack.

He showed his face out from the tree for a little, and observed the group's appearance.

And then——near the entrance inside the safety area, they started preparing for a camp.

After a while, *PachiPachi*, after the sound effects of the fat busting, the fragrant smell coming from the dried meat enveloped the area. Soup, bread, and dried meat steak.

——these guys……they're eating damn good.

The smell that reached where Junpei, it was mixed with the gentle fragrance of spices.

Just like the medieval Europe, spices should be valuable in this world.

The spices that are similar to pepper and red peppers, Junpei had heard before that it is being traded with the equal weight of gold.

Since he came to this world, it was a long time has passed.

In Japan, it is natural for chili peppers and peppers to be placed on top of the table, and there were a lot of foods, starting with junk foods, that has a lot of stimulants.

Thinking of it——I wonder when was the last time I had smelled the fragrance of spices. Saliva overflows, and stomach starts to contract.

——well, either way……I'll take all of their things. That's right, without leaving anything behind, I will take all of it……if I kill them before they eat all of it, it would be in my stomach……with this, I have one more thing to look forwards.

Junpei made a wry smile when he noticed that he had started to drool. And thought.

——the difference with our fighting powers.

Generally, the average of the S-Rank adventurers' level is more or less 200.

Within those, if there was one who is in a different dimension, about more or less 300.

And, his level right now is 818.

In simple addition, he has three times, so it would be an overwhelming win only looking at the level.

But, in this case, there's one problem.

——the level up bonus point's, difference between jobs.

If it was a normal job, the point is 10.

In an advanced job the point is 15——it is good to assume that all of the S-Rank adventurers belongs to that.

Because Junpei doesn't have a job aptitude, the point he gains during level up is 5, so compared to normal, he has a huge disadvantage.

For example, if he had a normal job, the point is 10, or maybe if it was an advanced job the point would be 15.

And now, it's easy to assume that every one of the S-Rank adventures that he is going against right now has an advanced job.

Meaning, having a simple comparison with them who have an advanced job, it means that Junpei needs to have three times their level to have the total number of their status points. If it was like that, he loses the advantage of an overwhelming level difference.

On top of that, in Junpei's case, his status is very distorted, so it would be really hard fighting normally.

And most of all, he desperately lacks the normal fighting experience.

Because of the drop items, most probably, his side has better weapons.

Thinking of that, or maybe in individual fighting powers, he might be able to overwhelm them.

But, that is——in the situation of a 1 v 1.

In against several opponents, with only the level advantage and weapon advantage, to fight them head-on——it was too unreliable.

That's why Junpei returned his handgun to its holster, and took a

very deep breath. And he crinkled his mouth, and used the muscles that he doesn't use usually.

In other words——it was a business smile.

「Ah, hello, hello」

While making a friendly smile, Junpei started to walk towards the S-Rank adventurers.

As he confirmed it, it looks like the source of light was only the bonfire.

And there, only in an instant, his fake smile became a real smile, but the adventurers doesn't notice that.

Towards Junpei, they showed signs of cautiousness and doubt.

「Don't come any closer」

The distance between them is about 10 meters.

The man with black clothes——the Demon Swordsman stopped Junpei.

「Who the hell are you?」

「Ah, me? I got thrown unluckily in this labyrinth, and…… somehow, I was able to reach up until here……but traveling alone, you know, it's too scary right……」

「You want to go with us huh?」

「Yup. Big brother looks strong too」

「Wait there for a minute」

At the same time when he said that, the men started to whisper to themselves.

「What do you think?」

「For the meantime……he needs to be appraised first whatever he is」

After he said that, the white-haired sage's left eye started to shine.

——【Magic Eyes of Measurement (Master Class)】

It's a skill used against humans, it's something that measures the opponent's level.

And, the instance he saw Junpei, the old man dropped his jaws with a surprised face.

「That boy……he's……more than level 800?」

「Haha, Gramps, that's not a funny joke. This isn't the time for saying jokes right? And……without joking, how much is his strength for real?」

The old man's face colors exceeded blue, and got dyed with a pale color.

「OI……are you……for real?」

「I don't tell jokes」

Seemingly grasping the situation, everyone got petrified in their places frozen.

「Level 800……that's a damn level exceeding the Demon King」

And there, the Holy Knight interrupted.

「Maybe, that boy had killed all of the monsters up until this floor. However……it is suddenly, an unexpected situation……the Interstice Labyrinth, it might be too much for us……」

"Anyways", the Demon Swordsman hit his palm.

「Let's take that boy with us. Along the way from now on, we'll make sure if we can be useful or not. If we decide that it's impossible to continue without him, we'll continue to use him as a bodyguard then」

「On the other hand, if we decide that it is possible to break through this labyrinth only with us?」

「Of course, right, if we kill that boy, we can have a huge amount of level up for sure. If we become comrades once, even if there was a huge different between levels, there are a lot of ways to kill him」

「Things like attacking him in his sleep, or putting poison in his food……huh」

「That's about it……Let's accept his suggestion. And……you're the one, who is the most friendly within us. For the meantime, you go talk to him」

The Holy Knight that received those words nodded.

Heavy plate armor, **GachaGacha**, while making those sounds, the Holy Knight started to walk towards Junpei.

And, he reached out his right hand towards Junpei.

「Ah, can I take that that you're going to accept right?」

「We also don't have enough people you know, so let's get along from now on」

「Ahh, also……I know――」

「You know? What is it?」

「What you guys, the things guys like you are thinking about!」

Junpei reached out his right hand, and――

――with the razor that he hid in his palm, he cuts his own thumb for about 1 cm.

Blood that instantly overflowed.

Godly speeds――it might be proper to call it like that.

Junpei's level up bonus points――most of them is placed into evasion, that only means, he had completely reached an inhuman field. One that can truly be called as Shukuchi――it means that he shows abnormal speeds.

The Holy Knight couldn't react to the movement of Junpei's right hand, and the blood that spews out from his right hand, both of his eyes received them directly.

That instant, the Holy Knight held his both eyes, and crouched in his place.

And there, Junpei who took a deep breath, distorted further what

his fake smile from the start was, and made a gruesome smile.

「……u……my eyes……my eyes……my body……it's para……lyze……d」

Junpei cracked his fist.

——it's true, that if I challenge them head-on, I might be damn weaker than you bastards.

——but, I am, towards all the fate that surrounds me……I am going to fight it……this was the way I have done it, ever since I decided that.

——blessed with talents, advancing through the elite course……for well-behaved bastards like you, there's no way that you'd understand the way I fight. And……if there were no rules, I who ate the Undead Meat……there's no way for me to lose!!

While looking down at the Holy Knight, Junpei thought.

——this guy, he got trapped with poisoning.

He glared at the remaining adventurers, dwelling in his eyes, were cold flames.

——well then……the remaining is———only three!! Let's do it…… let's do this muddy battle!!

He took out a bloody magic beast's canine from his waist——that was already covered with poison——Junpei, he ran towards the Demon Swordsman with speeds of a purple lightning.

For his speed that was reaching the area of subsonic velocity, the Dragon Knight and the Sage couldn't even react.

……well that should be the case.

In the first place, a Dragon Knight shows its tactical weapon fighting power's true value with its coordination with his dragon.

A Sage too, not for points like 1 vs 1 , but to suppress surfaces——meaning, it's a kind of job that has standard moves for making a certain area into a scorched earth using wide-range magic.

They do not have specialized status for melee battles, so there is now way for them to be able to see through Junpei's movements that had even reached inhuman levels.

In zigzag, with movements like side jumps, first, he closed the distance with the Demon Swordsman.

And, he thrusts the canine dyed with poison towards the skin that shows in the Demon Swordsman's armor.

But——his opponent is also a battle-hardened melee job.

All of Junpei's movements……although it's not like his eyes can follow them, but even so——with almost only with his instincts, the Demon Swordsman was successful to react.

From bottom to the top, he slashed back as if to pierce upwards.

The Jet Black Demon Sword, it was thrust upwards with degrees that would cut Junpei's elbow.

And Junpei who was also able to react to that, twisted and bent the trajectory of his charge, and dodged with a jump 90 degrees to the side.

Zuzazazazazazaza——he decelerated while sliding on the ground.

He slid on the ground for about 20 meters, “Tch”, Junpei clicked his tongue.

——after all……doing it head-on……it wouldn’t be easy huh.

And, there, Junpei turned his head slightly to about 30 degrees behind him, and widened his eyes.

「You……serious」

What was there was——a giant bird of fire flying.

Its body length is 40 meters, and combined with its wings, its width probably reaches 300 meters.

That, was the highest level of wide-ranged magic that belongs to the flame type spells.

——Ancient Fire Phoenix.

That bird of fire, towards him without any gaps, it was closing in with no ways to evade.

A wall of flame that has 300 meters in width——it was a powerful flame that was suitable to prove that they, S-Rank adventurers, are overwhelmingly in a different dimension.

If this was a battlefield, at the point when this one attack had been able to explode, thousands of normal soldiers would be lost, and it probably would be the deciding the victor and the loser in the war for sure.

Overwhelming temperature, and wide-range magic that has no way to be evaded were closing onto him.

And, he thought.

——well then, what would you do? Takeda Junpei……? You cannot evade this. You absolutely cannot evade this……then——

And there, Junpei, after he got out of the straight line trajectory of the Phoenix, he gave up and stood with a daunting pose, and covered his eyes, nose, and mouth with both of his hands.

Phoenix that passes through.

He was instantly enveloped by scorching heat, and slowly but surely……his skin, and his hair started to melt.

He got hot as if his veins boiled, and his consciousness starts to fade away.

——as I've thought……was it too absurd with only diverting it for a little?

After a few seconds——in reality, it really only took that much time, but——for Junpei, he even felt that as infinity.

When his consciousness had almost faded out, the scorching heat that enveloped his body disappeared.

And, in the next instance, Junpei started to run again.

——yosh……I got through it! This was really scary. In this labyrinth……for example, I encounter a dragon. I'll give up if I was hit directly, but……it would be terrible if I die from only the breath's residual heat.

——that's why, I put a certain amount in my HP. My guess being correct or wrong……the problems before that……I can't do anything about it……countermeasures against wide-ranged attacks.

While running, he took out the forty-one caliber magnum from his waist.

Pan!* *Pan!* , *Pan!* , *Pan! , the dry sound played from the consecutive bullets being shot.

What he aimed for was, the Demon Swordsman, the Dragon Knight, the Sage, two shots each for those targets.

——the Demon Swordsman, with his Jet Black Sword, he slashes off the bullets.

——the Dragon Knight, he changed one of his body parts into a dragonoid, and blocked the bullets with hard scales that were far more harder than steel.

——the Sage, he constructed a physical barrier, and the bullets itself weren't able to reach him within a five-meter radius.

"Hmm……", Junpei thought.

At least one, well, I thought that at least one would hit though——

——anyways.

With this, he had the calculation who he would kill first.

For the meantime, that Dragon Knight……his defense is too troublesome, I don't have any other comments than that.

On the other hand, the Sage and the Demon Swordsman, normally, the forty-one caliber magnum, they couldn't block it without special movements huh——it means, they aren't that hard.

"Then", Junpei increased further the pace he ran.

And, "as planned from the start", not taking a glance to the adventurers——towards a certain point, he threw his item box, and turned around just like that.

He fled at full speed.

And there, the Sage raised his voice.

「From the item box——a slime?!!」

And, the destination of the slimes, was the only light source in this current space——the bonfire.

One next to the other the slimes flocked towards the bonfire, and its flame, it extinguished it with its body.

In a blink of an eye, the veil of darkness fell.

Instant blackout——the reactions of the adventurers, there was a few seconds that had opened.

Hyun, a wind cutting sound.

Inside the darkness where for them, they could not see anything, the Dragon Knight's that scream echoed in that place.

「UGAAAAAAAA!!」

That, that was the voice that resulted from the magic beast's canine taking away the Dragon Knight's aorta.

「……you bastard……you bastard……how……in this darkness……can you move?」

「Well, I closed one of my eyes from the start. It was also because I was aming for this from the start……but other than that……」

And, he continued.

「The Undead……they're beings of the dark you know?」

And, Junpei ran away from that place, and inside the darkness, he watched the remaining two adventurers from far away.

——only two remaining.

Perfect darkness.

The Dragon Knight's screams echoing.

And there, the Demon Swordsman shouted with a voice near to a scream.

「Gramps!! Even it's me, I can't react to his damn speed in the darkness!! Light the surroundings with wide-ranged magic! Immediately!!」

The Demon Swordsman's angry shouts echoed, and with also a tone that was like an angry shout, the white-haired Sage answered.

「You need not to tell me!!」

And, there——*Dosa*……the sound of the white-haired old man collapsing echoed.

「That's right, that's something you need not to tell. You need not to tell, that in this place……I who is the fastest, there was no way that I'd let go of the advantage of having sight in the dark. Meaning——I won't let gramps do his way」

Junpei's words were thrown to the Demon Swordsman.

Already, on this floor, the only ones that can move freely is Junpei and the Demon Swordsman.

The Holy Knight had his eyes crushed by the blood poison, and was in agony raising voices that were not words in a far off place.

It looks like the neurotoxin had a pretty good effects, showing the whites of his eyes, *BikunBikun*, he convulsed from time to time.

The Dragon Knight wasn't even given time to change his body parts to a dragon's, within the complete darkness his aorta was slashed off from a surprise attack.

The poison had already gone through his brain and heart, and he already has no consciousness. Even if he's let alone, it wouldn't take that much time for his death.

And, the old man——the Sage, once again with the poison and the magic beast's canine, the capillary on his wrists were cut.

From the first place, because he does not have the job that has good stamina, the effects were super effective.

At the same time that he fell to his back, his face colors were dyed with purple, his saliva started to drool, and his eyeballs turned to its whites.

「And with that, you're the only one remaining you know? Dear Demon Swordsman-san」

「……」

Silence for a while.

And, the Demon Swordsman laughed dumbfoundedly.

「Surprise attacks, attacking in the darkness, and poison…… goodness……if you're this thorough, I can only laugh……you dirty bastard」

「Ha! In situations to kill or to be killed. To steal or to be stolen…… fair and square, or maybe villains to be despicable huh? Those things……absolutely……have no room to enter right? What's there, is just victory or defeat……am I wrong? That's right, including life……steal or be stolen……. that's all it is」

「……however, we're also battered-hardened. We also have resistance for dirty plays, and I myself, can do dirty things. But, us who are like that……why are we……why were we easily……defeated by you? I can't accept that」

After thinking for a while, Junpei laughed.

「You have strength. And you also probably have fame and honor. You're working at a disciplined regular army outside right?」

「That's pretty much, correct. But, in battlefields, we also often done skirmishes with no rules……」

「That's right. And the result……you probably can do dirty tactics」

「……what do you want to say?」

「I am, different from you guys. In this labyrinth, I am the weak. That's why, from the start……I had no plans on fighting properly」

「No plans to fight properly……?」

Junpei made a huge nod.

「In short——from the start, I was planning on deceiving you guys. I had no plans on attacking properly from the start. I was planning to choose and use most ruthless and dirty way that I'm able to think of after all. Meaning, I wasn't planning on fighting you on the same grounds from the start……I'm not even thinking of this as a fight. But, you're only thinking of this as a fight」

And, he continued.

「The difference between those are huge you know?」

"I see now", the Demon Swordsman let out a deep sight.

「It's true……it looks like you're a dexterous man. But……in a meaning……a clumsy man, you are……」

「Haa?」

「You're still, in the latter of your teens right? How on earth..... would you raise up like that.....I'm saying that you're too extreme」

「I don't want to hear that from you. Things like rape, take all even killing is needed.....I heard you?」

「It's not that problem. For us, that's correct in terms of our desires. But.....in your case.....」

"Well, whatever", Junpei stopped the Demon Swordsman with his hand.

「And then, what do you think of this situation? Demon Swordsman-san?」

「I am self-conscious that I am decently skilled. And looking from your movements earlier, and the weapon you have——I have no chance to win on 1v1」

And, the Demon Swordsman made a stance with his Jet Black Demon Sword head-on Junpei.

——sword held straight towards the opponent.

Towards the man who had eyes prepared for death staring at him, Junpei started to laugh while hugging his stomach.

「Although you can't win, really? Are you going to do it?」

「Even so.....I am a martial artist to the bones. Most probably, this is the last moment of my life.....if that is so, from when I was a child.....I want to take care of the feelings of admiring the strong. Finally, my eyes had got accustomed to the darkness——even if I cannot win, at least a grave injury——」

And, there, the Demon Swordsman's head shook as if he got dizzy.

And, his knees bent as if it was a serious case of anemia, and he kneeled in his place.

「……at? What is……happening……」

**Pan"*, Junpei made a huge clap with his hands.

「That's why I told you right. That I'm not planning to fight you properly from the start」

「……kaha?! Ku!……what……is……this」

「From earlier on, what I used to extinguish the bonfire was Pandemic Slimes. They have a large quantity of the worst virus inside their body——well, if they're burned……various bad components, well really, there would be a lot coming out」

"Ugu……!", his face crinkled in agony.

The Demon Swordsman struggled as if to scratch his lungs from the top of his armor.

But, his armor gets on the way——in the first place, it's not like he would be able to scratch his lungs though——and he could only scratch the metal with his nails.

"And with that……", Junpei took out his handgun, and aimed at the head of the Demon Swordsman who collapsed.

「Experience points. Gochisousamadeshita」

And after a few minutes.

Junpei who had ended “completely butchering” the S-Rank adventurers let out a deep sigh.

Dragonoid Transformation (Master Class) ――――― boosts the defense powers by four times in an instant.

White Magic (Master Class)――――― only about not being able to revive (it is only as a healer, so use is limited to others)

Black Magic (Master Class)―――――only about being able to use wide-ranged magic for a radius of a few hundred meters

Swordsmanship (Master Class)―――――only about mastering attacks that seem to be after the opponent’s but reacting first (後の先)

God’s Protection (Master Class)――――― passive skill that makes the defense power and attack power x1.5 during battle.

Monster Tame (Master Class)――――― only about to be able to command dragons(飛龍)

「All of them……so damn useless……. That’s why, I told you I won’t fight properly……the remaining skill slots, I can’t use them with something like this……but……gramps’s equipments is pretty decent, no, maybe it be lucky you can say」

After he ranted, he went towards the stairs that continues to the next floor.

There’s only one.

It was a faint strange feeling, but it was swirling inside his chest.

――”the unmatched poisoning is going all too well”.

In fact……it's not like he ate a normal zombie's meat.

The meat that he ate, was a No Life Kings'……that is why, you can think that it was poisonous that even have effects to Cerberus.

But.

In this labyrinth, humans that did the same thing just as he did, how can he tell that there was not even one.

If they only have【Appraisal Eyes】and【All Status Ailments Resistance】……being able to think of this combination, the hurdle is not that high.

And there, he thought furthermore.

Certainly, the ones who walked the same path as him, there should be some of them in the past. And, even those guys, they should've gone further within the Interstice Labyrinth to clear it.

The numbers without any hope, once again, he remembered.

That's right.

On top of that——the survivors are zero.

名前　武田順平

レベルアップ:　818 → 908

取得ボーナスポイント:　450

ステータス

職 業 :　スキル・ハンター　　レベル:　908

ＨＰ :　1385　　ＭＰ :　175

攻撃力:　255（順平の基本値：5）　防御力:　5
※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率:　3000

装備

メイン:　魔獣の犬歯（神話級）
※神殺しの属性付与

サ ブ :　S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム（国宝級）
※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

マント:　身かわしの羽衣（賢者装備）
※基礎回避率に常時 1.5 倍のパッシブ

スキル

（スキルスロット残7）

◉鑑定眼（超級）
◉全状態異常耐性　◉解体（超級）　◉モンスター・テイム（初級）

属性

不死者の王
※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

使役魔

ピュア・スライム ×500
パンデミック・スライム ×15000

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 818 → 908
Bonus Points Gained : 450

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 908
HP : 1385 MP : 175
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 3000

Equipments

Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening
Mantle: Cloak of Evasion (Sage Equipment)
※Passive that increases the basic Evasion Efficiency to 1.5 times

Skill (Skill Slot: 7 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)

All Status Ailments Resistance

Butcher (Super-Class)

Monster Tame (Beginner Class)

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Tamed Monsters

Pure Slime x 500
Pandemic Slime x 15000

Chapter 9 – The Ancient Tree ▼

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In about a 20 kilometer radius space

This floor is a floor that is lush with natural vegetation. Although they are few, there are animals too, and they are not monsters also.

The light of the light moss that passes through the trees——the sunlight that filters through the leaves are very comfortable.

Inside the forest, while sitting under the sun, I spoke to the boy that suddenly appeared cheerfully.

「Haha～! Brother! It's good that you were able to reach here」

A short black-haired boy in front of me.

Somehow, I feel a familiar feeling from him.

That's right——he is……Japanese. It's not only how he looked, but from the way he stands and his atmosphere. He is no doubt Japanese.

I wonder how many years it has been ever since I went a trip from Japan to this different world……and like this and that, to the smell of my hometown after a long time, it's just that my tear glands are tearing.

「That way of speaking……you're……Ossan?」

「Oi oi, don't call me Ossan. Even if I'm like this, I'm only 25 bro?」

Petrified.

The boy got petrified.

And he clearly broke an expression.

It's true that from the past, I was not seen as my age because of my Ossan face and tone……

I mean, wait a minute, boy.

The boy's expression was, super……disgusted-like expression. *Gyo*, that sound effect somehow feels very fitting for it.

Oi oi……isn't it okay, if you don't be like totally turned-off with my true age like that……

Mixed with Kansai-dialect, I let out a sigh inside of me. (TL: No Kansaiben for translations (´・ω・`))
「I mean, boy, how amazing……that you were able to reach this far deep……」

And there, the boy started to look around the surroundings.

「Ahh, as Ossan also knows, they were really tremendous guys. And……here is……?」

「As you can see, the whole floor is a safety area. You also saw the cannibal village right? It's the same with that」

「……」

「So, can you put that away? There isn't any monsters here yo?」

But, the boy wouldn't put away the handgun that he was holding from earlier.

He was being cautious from the surroundings ever since we met, and he wouldn't break the tightened expression that he has.

Well……I think that he can't be blamed.

After all, up until here, he probably had gone through the jaws of death, and if he doesn't have at least that much cautiousness, it's impossible that he would be able to survive.

And, there, the boy made a friendly smile to make me relieved.

I have decided to live on this floor, but just like the other adventurers that had left this floor——he probably would leave here soon.

And, as a senpai, I cannot let him go without anything.

I should make friendship with him here, and treat him with a meal or a drink at least.

Well……basically, I'm a very kind big brother.

「Boy. What's up, making a very tight face」

「Unfortunately, it was a terrible path and life you know……my human disbelief is also in its extremes」

And there, *Un*, I nodded.

「Yosh, then, I'll say sweet stories for you」

「Sweet stories? What is that so suddenly?」

Dubiously, the boy looked at me as if to check my eyes.

And there, *Hyuu*, I whistled.

「That's right. A story about an adventurer once upon a time, met with a fairy inside the labyrinth hell, and fell in love, started to do a self-sufficient lifestyle, and live happily on a floor somewhere」

"Meaning……", I continued.

「In other words, it's me!!」

"Ahh……", and, there, the boy nodded as if to guess something.

"Ah!……this guy……kukuku……", I broke to a smile.

Because, the boy's eyes were mixed with sorrow.

——this guy……he's virgin huh. Did he get jealous because of the story with girls?

Un, I know. I know.

I was also like that after all. Until I came to this floor……I was also like that.

But, stories about stupid couples easily changes to laughter.

If you open your mouth, it would become a smile.

If it becomes a smile, you'd open your heart.

If you'd open your heart——you'd open your crotch.

It's the theory on making women fall, but it also has effects on men.

The thing called a smile is a communication that can be understood anywhere.

The boy……I want to make him have a very good meal and a very comfy bed, I really want to send him to the next floor with a refreshed mind and body.

And for me who is like that……I need to make him smile.

And, with that, I'll continue with the sweet stories.

「And, well, I think you got it with what I told earlier……there are no monsters here, but there is a Fairy Dryad. Well, it's my wife though」

And there, the boy pointed with his left hand.

「In that cabin……is there the Dryad?」

"Ahh", I nodded and continued the story.

「She's an amazing beauty you know? For me who was tired of clearing this labyrinth that's so impossible……she made me give it all up and make me decide to live here」

「I see……huh. So, Ossan, right now, are you happy?」

「Ahh. A beautiful wife, delicious food, and surrounded by nature……I'm super happy yo. After all, my heart is always connected to Dryad」

「It looks like it's not only the heart though……by the way…… Ossan?」

「n? What?」

「Tentacles……it's entering your ears you know?」

Tentacles?

What do you mean?

「Tentacles? Ten-Te-Ten-Tentacl-T3nt@cl3?」

「……also some thin ones in your mouth, and……also in your nose……」

My sight suddenly got dyed with red.

Gunyari, my head got distorted, and I cannot think.

I cannot think of anything.

Suddenly, the words that the boy said, I can't understa, understan, stand, n't under. Impos, unde, underununnunder.

supepepepepepe.

Incapable to deal with.

Incapable to understand.

A difference between reality and consciousness has emerged.

The possibility of a significant progress of mental pollution has emerged——Request Protection.

Requesting mental pollution corrective operation.

——Request Finished.

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My sight suddenly returns.

The light of the light moss that covers the floor, I feel like it's strangely bright.

Somehow, just like waking up……how can I say this……right now, in an instant……I feel like my consciousness flew……but well, it's anemia or something.

「So, what did you say right now?」

With a smile, I asked the boy.

「Why is Ossan being entangled by the tree's tentacles? And……are you really 25?」

「Entangled……? I am……really 25, though……」

「It's something I knew, but……really, you aren't……conscious of it huh. Aren't your body being hanged by tentacles in the air, and tentacles have entered all the holes that is a hole……」

「……?」

「Can't you even see your own palm? There's even thin ones on your urethra you know? Your life force absorbed……aren't you like a wrinkled old man……」

「……?」

And, I checked my own palm.

There was a light brown color, lost its hydration, I see, it's really like an old man's hand.

And there I noticed that I was fully naked.

And, that I am lightly floating from the ground.

No……I was entangled by something like a tree's vine, and that I am being suspended.

Suspended……Dryad……life force……stolen……skin, body……it cannot retu……return to normal.

Return, it cannottentacleitfeelsgooditfeelsgoodwife, tentaclesmywifeitfeelsgooditfeelsgooditfeelsgood, unde. Impos, pospospos!

supepepepepepepe.

Incapable to deal with.

Incapable to understand.

A lethal difference between reality and consciousness has emerged.

——to block the mental pollution of the parasitic host, requesting forced shutdown of consciousness.

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——and just like that, my consciousness completely faded out.

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——A few hours earlier.

After he gained the victory against S-Rank adventurers, Junpei stepped into the next floor.

There, it was a huge forest with a lake in the middle of it.

The greens are very deep, and the chirping of birds echoes through, and the light intensity coming from the light moss is also very strong.

From time to time, boars and deers also show up, to it seemed like it was not that different from the mountain forests in the outside world.

If this was Japan in the summer, as a camp site……you would probably be able to see families having fun with barbecues, and enjoying their vacation.

In reality, “What a peaceful scenery……”, is what, Junpei’s honest opinion was.

And most of all, the thin silver particles that were fluttering all around.

It can almost be seen as the same with what he saw at the cannibal village.

——the whole floor is a safety area.

That’s right, and that’s also why, that because deers and boars exists, he can think.

To explain further, in the cannibal’s floor, even if they wanted to

create a food chain, other than humans, there were no insects and animals existing.

And, in this floor——it was there.

Just like that, Junpei, while thinking of the natural environment of this floor, he was walking at the lakeside.

However, he doesn't break his stance of being ready for a fight.

Even if it was a safety area, he couldn't be sure if there was no danger——no, it is when he is letting his guard down, that there is a possibility that a small fry can trip his feet.

Rather than the time when he is confronting a strong enemy, right now, with one glance……the one that can be seen as a peaceful scenery is more frightening……Junpei thought, and ruminate the experience he had before, and made a wry smile.

And.

He saw.

Inside the forest, very near to a cabin. Entangled by countless tubes and tentacles, a naked old man hung from a big tree.

That man, literally——in all of the holes of his body, tubes and tentacles are plunged.

All of his body's skin, welts——probably, something like a thin root that ate his way from the tentacles to inside his body——it was all covered with that.

From the effects of the roots running throughout his body……as if it had a hypostasis, the surface of his whole body's skin were dyed with a violet color.

And, moisture was lost from the man's skin, and just like a wrinkled old man over his 80's that was often asleep——he seemed like half of his life force were lost.

The tentacles that plunged from his ear, enters his brains. and circumferences from the top of his head to its insides, and pierces through where his skin was torn open.

As of how his brain that was exposed from his skull seems, inside his brain were also fully covered with thin roots.

And there, Junpei, "……ahh", nodded as if to give up.

Even if this were Japan for example.

Whatever surgery would be done, this man wouldn't survive.

Because, this man, rather than being eaten or being parasitized by the tree, he already has "integrated" with the tree.

While holding his vomit, Junpei continued to observe the man.

It looks like his wastes were dripping freely from his waste organs, his thighs were stuck with a brown paint brush-like dried object and——rotten wastes that had stacked in the ground swarmed by flies.

And, within that unbearable stench——the hanged man were smiling with an expression of ecstasy.

「Oi oi, Dryad. You really like it huh……everyday everyday, if you close in to me like that, my life force would be pulled out……and I'll really become a mummy you know? I'm already very exhausted」

The man being hanged, started licking his lips with a grinned face.

And, the man's hands moves first, and his hips moves faintly next.

Kakukakukakukaku, is he moving, or is he not, after doing a stroke with his hips like that……the man peed.

Who wonders, that in that pee, something that cannot be seen unless you squint your eyes——what a withered old man would release, his last drop……the faint white thing that was mixed on it, if Junpei had noticed it.

「Oi……you……?」

When Junpei called out like that, the man's eyes suddenly regained life, and while drooling, he opened his eyes wide.

「Haha～! Brother! It's good that you were able to reach here」

Within the blood-shot wide eyes where a few thin tubes were injected to his tear bags, his black eye only moved, and shined brightly.

And also, covered by a very sticky mucus, his mouth where big and small tentacles were entering opened widely, and with a voice that was over exaggerated, the man said that with his utmost.

「That way of speaking……you're……Ossan?」

「Oi oi, don't call me Ossan. Even if I'm like this, I'm only 25 bro?」

Most probably……this man, he doesn't understand the situation at all.

Junpei, he couldn't move from that place.

"……this time, finally came……", Junpei thought.

Until now, the one who had written the letters that gave him hints.

He was only running away, and……some time in the future, it was easy to guess that he would be like this.

Or maybe, an encounter with his skeleton.

Or maybe, without noticing, the notes have disappeared.

Or maybe again, miraculously meet with both of them alive, and……fight together.

That's right, fighting together might have been possible. Even Junpei who had a lot of human distrust……if it was the one who wrote that notes, he might've thought about it.

But.

The one he owes his life to, has already……became a grotesque.

He had expected a lot of situations, but——in most of what he could imagine, in the worst situation, it looks like the two met.

To the too much of the situation, Junpei couldn't look straight at the man.

「I mean, boy, how amazing……that you were able to reach this far deep……」

While looking around the surroundings, Junpei asked the man.

「Ahh, as Ossan also knows, they were really tremendous guys. And……here is……?」

「As you can see, the whole floor is a safety area. You also saw the cannibal village right? It's the same with that」

And when he carefully checked the surroundings——only in one place, there was no silver particles were existing.

And soon after, *Potori*, the sound of wastes being excreted from the man's anus.

Already, Junpei didn't know what to do.

「……」

「So, can you put that away? There isn't any monsters here yo?」

Being told by that……there was no way for him to put away his weapon.

Clearly——this man, he was given some kind of treatment by a dangerous being, and clearly from whoever would look at him——he is in an "out" situation after all.

「Boy. What's up, making a very tight face」

「Unfortunately, it was a terrible path and life you know……my human disbelief is also in its extremes」

「Yosh, then, I'll say sweet stories for you」

「Sweet stories? What is that so suddenly?」

And there, *Hyuu*, the man whistled.

「That's right. A story about an adventurer once upon a time, met with a fairy inside the labyrinth hell, and fell in love, started to do a self-sufficient lifestyle, and live happily on a floor somewhere」

“Meaning……”, the man continued.

「In other words, it’s me!!」

“Ahh……”, and, there, Junpei nodded as if to guess something.

——”This idiot……he got done with seduction……” he thought.

And, still wandering to his dreams and fantasies until now, and that……he was living in a world full of cheerful delusions.

“There’s the saying “The husband is always the last to know”……”,Junpei’s headache wouldn’t stop.

「And, well, I think you got it with what I told earlier……there are no monsters here, but there is a Fairy Dryad. Well, it’s my wife though」

And there, Junpei pointed with his left hand.

「In that cabin……is there the Dryad?」

「She’s an amazing beauty you know? For me who was tired on clearing this labyrinth that’s so impossible……she made me give it all up and make me decide to live here」

Junpei asked while letting out a sigh.

Of course, in the direction of the cabin, he heightened all of his concentration, and did not forget to miss to sense any danger.

「I see……huh. So, Ossan, right now, are you happy?」

「Ahh. A beautiful wife, delicious food, and surrounded by nature……I’m super happy yo. After all, my heart is always

connected to Dryad」

「It looks like it's not only the heart though……by the way…… Ossan?」

「n? What?」

With all of that, tears almost fell on Junpei's eyes.

With even how it was, until recently, he was only a normal high school student.

Inside the disheartening labyrinth……his letter, with a ridiculous tone, that doesn't forget the humor.

Just only, something like reading a letter, it was that one-sided communication, but……although there was also the hints for surviving that directly affected him, but other than that……in the meaning of the healing of his heart, he was more or less, have been saved.

But, that has also ended.

If he……would only continue on seeing a bad dream, it would be his part to make him wake up.

He wanted to save him if he could. But……already, it's clear that it was too late.

Then, the one who would assist him to die should also be himself.

Thinking of that, Junpei started to speak with resolution.

「Tentacles……it's entering your ears you know?」

「Tentacles? Ten-Te-Ten-Tentacl-T3nt@cl3?」

「……also some thin ones in your mouth, and……also in your nose……」

In an instant, the man closed his eyes, and completely stopped his activity.

And, convulses. His hands and feet greatly moved.

His whole body trembled.

Hanged by the tentacles——within the cradle of tentacles, the man greatly moved.

His tongue moving uncontrolled, spew saliva everywhere, and his body threw to its back.

BikuBikuBikuBikuBikuBiku

As if he had received a very strong electric shock, he convulsed for many times.

「supepepepepepepepepepepepepepepe」

Unpleasantly high pitched, an unpleasant sound coming from his tongue vibrating.

And, when the unpleasant sound stopped, once again, the man opened his eyes widely, and while slobbering, he opened his mouth.

「So, what did you say right now?」

With a silent tone, and a composed tone.

And one that was unfit to that, blood-shot eyes.

To his crinkled smile, the drooping saliva suits him.

「Why is Ossan being entangled by the tree's tentacles? And……are you really 25?」 .

「Entangled……? I am……really 25, though……」

「It's something I knew, but……really, you aren't……conscious of it huh. Aren't your body being hanged by tentacles in the air, and tentacles have entered all the holes that is a hole……」

「……?」

「Can't you even see your own palm? There's even thin ones on your urethra you know? Your life force absorbed……aren't you like a wrinkled old man……」

「……?」

And, the man made a gesture as if he checked his own palm.

In an instant, the man closed his eyes, and completely stopped activity.

And, once again, convulsed.

BikuBikuBikuBikuBikuBiku.

As if he had received a very strong electric shock, he convulsed for many times.

「supepepepepepepepepepepepepepepe」

He got petrified for a while, and the man started laughing.

「HYA, HYA, HYAHYAHYAHYAHAYAHYAAAAHAYAHAYAHAYAAAAAAAAA」

And, after convulsing for a while……the man closed his eyes, and completely stopped activity.

Looking away from the man who stopped moving, Junpei——he turned his sight to the tree that hangs the man.

Its height was probably about a 10-storey building in modern Japan terms, and it feels like the width of the trunk has a diameter of 15 meters.

And there, Junpei called out his item box.

He kept a large amount of highly volatile oil in stock from the cannibal village.

Just like this, if he stimulates the tree a little, if there were no counterattacks, he thought that he would return all of it into ashes together with the man.

There's the way of pulling the handgun's trigger, but if the bullets hit the target, something like the vibration from the air, or something like a sixth sense……anyways, compared to doing it grandly, there exists a real response.

In this case, the response meaning, it was about stealing the life of a man with no resistance in his own will, it was about he would

directly receive that raw feeling.

It's true, that Junpei had the resolution from the experiences he had in this labyrinth——but even so, from his side, the things that common people would hate, it's not like he had started to have a bad taste of liking to do that in his preference.

But, it's also true that he needs to assist the man that was being hung, and there was no way for him to make waste of his useful skills and experiences.

The thing needed to do, he needs to do it properly.

But, if he's going to do it anyways, rather than directly, indirectly……for his mental health, that might be better.

"Well then……", Junpei, he removed the wooden cover of the oil pots that he took out.

A distinctive irritating odor, that smells similar to gasoline, or maybe to ethanol.

When that tickled his nose, one girl appeared from the cabin.

——Forest Fairy, Dryad.

Golden silk hair that extends to her waist, and a slight brown-colored fine skin.

Her age was only about 15-years-old, an adult woman's——the voluptuousness of that, combined with the innocence of a child's, or maybe all of those mixed artistically——a girl that has an unparalleled beauty.

Wearing a pure white one piece, she approached Junpei slowly.

And there, *Pan*, a dry sound.

The soil under Dryad got burst. *Biku*, the girl's whole body trembled.

The smell of gunpowder enveloped the whole place, and Junpei changed the aim of his handgun from her feet to the middle of her eyebrows.

「Don't come any closer……more than that. So, you're the Dryad that tricked Ossan huh?」

「……that's right. Your recognition is correct」

The distance between them is only about fifteen meters.

Small, that you can even thing of it as a breeze, the Dryad's voice.

Junpei who started to talk, roughens his voice as if to get irritated.

「Speak with a louder voice. I can't damn hear you」

"Un", she nodded, and the Dryad said.

「……I got it」

It was better than earlier, but still her voice was still small.

Shaking his head as if to give up, Junpei asked.

「And, you're the one who tricked Ossan right?」

She got silent for a while, and Dryad, she started to talk carefully, as if to choose her words.

「I am Dryad……the Spirit that dwells in that tree. I am……able to

continue to live by gaining life force from that tree. And for that tree, the source of nutrients……I provide the source of life force. That is the meaning of my existence. The tree and I……we have that kind of symbiosis」

「……so?」

「The man that hangs, I seduced him. Human's life force is high quality. The tree gets really happy. If they are treated properly, they can become a source of nutrients for up to 20 years」

「……source of nutrients huh」

「That's right. Humans are valuable source of nutrients. That is why my appearance, is optimized for humans and adjusted to right now」

「Adjusted?」

Kokuri, Dryad nodded.

「Skill【Mimicry (Super-Class)】. Originally, if I do not use【Mimicry】, looking from your perceptions, you can only see me as a tree monster」

「I see, that's a pretty convenient skill」

"Anyways", Junpei asked Dryad.

「Why are you telling me the whole story so easily? As far as I can see, you don't look like you're lying……your demand——what is the conclusion you're heading for?」

「……it is nice that it was a human who gets straight to the point」

And, she continued sorrowfully.

「……we Dryads……we are, a very weak race」

From earlier, there's a reason for Junpei to take a high-handed attitude.

That is, as she had said earlier, the following appraisal results has come out was the reason.

【Dryad】

Danger Specification:
D

Characteristics:
Tree spirit. Their appearance originally is a humanoid tree……more rather, a tree monster that has hands and feet. They mostly have an appearance of a beautiful boy or girl thanks to the【Mimicry】skill. Using most of their appearance, they deceive or maybe seduce humans. After they have a very close relationship, they let their target intake a huge amount of secretion fluid that has aphrodisiac and confusion effects, and make them a complete captive. And, they sacrifice it to the tree that is their original source, and makes them its nutrients. The existence called Dryads are created as the tree where they came from's hunter and negotiator. In a meaning, the thing called Dryad, it might be close to calling them one of the organs of the tree.

【Ancient Tree】

Danger Specification:
E

Characteristics:

Not able to gather enough nutrients alone, and uses Dryads to hunt all kinds of plants and animals. Just like a normal tree, does not have a way of counterattacking foreign enemies. However, having the effects of the powers of the evil gods that spread in the Interstice Labyrinth, its experience points is immeasurable. In that meaning, it is a very delicious monster for adventurers.

「A very weak race huh……that's probably true. It's also like that with【Appraisal Eyes】. Danger specification D and E……you're laughable small fries」

「……that's right. That is why, I am telling you all of it」

「Meaning?」

「……please let us off」

Junpei shook his head sidewards and let out a sigh.

「Before I ask what you want to say with that, there' something I want to confirm」

「……what?」

「Why, are you not deceiving me? Or maybe, not doing that effort?」

「……firstly, the ones who saw the result of the person who got deceived, I do not have the skills to deceive on top of that. Also……」

「Also?」

「……I do not will for many preys. As the word "root rot" exists,

moisture and nutrients……it would be poison if there are too much」

「Well, having a full stomach isn't good for humans too. So……your danger specification——I know your strength. On top of that……the experience points too」

"And with that", *Kokuri*, Junpei cracked his neck.

「Until now, adventurers have appeared here right? Leaving out the ones that got caught, there should also be ones that didn't. And so……for those guys, how did you get though?」

「……that is」, when Dryad started to open her mouth, Junpei stopped her with his hand.

「No, just a little, the story doesn't have enough details. So, I'll ask?」

And, he continued.

「In exchange of me letting you off……what would you prepare for me?」

Dryad made an expression as if it was a letdown, or maybe surprised.

「……for me who have done this much to the same race of yours…… without the will to speak about good and evil, straight to the point. It is really nice that the story is fast. And……you, you have【Appraisal Eyes】right?」

「Ahh. Yeah……it's super class」

And, from her waist, she took out a blue shining stone——or maybe you can call it a jewel.

「……this is Dryad's Tears」

「……」

「If you have【Appraisal Eyes】then its a fast story. This heals any kind wound unless you have died. In this amount……you can recover from a deadly wound four times」

"Ahh", Junpei nodded as if to guess something.

「Throw that to me. Slowly, you hear. If you do a sudden movement or gesture, I'll shoot you」

As Junpei has instructed, Dryad slowly threw the small stone to one meter ahead of Junpei.

He activated【Appraisal Eyes】, *Hyuu*, Junpei whistled.

Dryad who saw that gesture made a small laugh.

「……I do not lie. If you have【Appraisal Eyes】, you should know that I am not lying」

And, Junpei who activated【Appraisal Eyes】laughed as if to get dumbfounded.

「Ha!……this is too good of a story. No, that's why――the guys until now let you off huh」

【Dryad's Tears】

Item Rank:

Legendary Class

Characteristics:
A coating medicine that cures any outside wound other than death. Prompts intense somatic cell division using hidden magic powers and physical forces, and prompts the same recovery effects of the Interstice Labyrinth's safety area. ——However, the existence of the Dryad that created it is the use requirement.

「I see now」

At the same time he ended saying that, Junpei whistled.

「But……your existence is a requirement……huh. That's too good of a story huh」

"That's right", Dryad nodded.

「That is why, the adventurers that passed through here……all of them accepted the suggestion」

「Well, that's the best……choice that you can gain from」

And there, Dryad created a very serious face.

Even if its the effect of【Mimicry】, faint tears that swelled, the begging of an unparalleled beautiful girl looking from below.

With only that, you might forgive everything——it was that kind of expression.

「I do not will for a fight. Only, if I can gain a source of nutrients regularly that would be enough」

「……I see now. It's true, that the adventurers up until now, a peaceful relationship that was like that might've been enough」

「Humans also eat pigs and cows in order to live. Everyone understood that it was the same with that.」

And there, Junpei shrugged his shoulders.

「So……after I go through here without doing anything……what will happen to Ossan?」

「You do not need to worry about that. This man would not be saved whatever means you can use. It should also be easier to give up for you……if you want, would you like me to tell you the details of his condition?」

「……since he's going to die after all, give up in exchange of an elixir, you say? Or maybe, endure it you saying?」

Confirming that a vein faintly appeared from Junpei's temples, Dryad tilted her head as if to think of that strange.

「Sentimental argument? This labyrinth……humans that are entering here should know. Balancing gains and losses……moving with that is the most wise」

「……balancing gains and losses huh. You're really a bastard who's looking down」

And there, Dryad reached out both of her hands in a hurry, and shook her head sidewards.

「……please calm down. Composedly……you can get it……if we talk」

Junpei aimed his handgun to the middle of Dryad's eyebrows.

「Nope, I won't get it. I can never get an understanding with you」

「……why? Humans should move balancing their gains and losses……you……are you saying you're that kind of a person that does not move with that?」

And there, Junpei scoffed.

「It's very simple」

And, he continued.

「For me, there's a lot more to gain from killing you. I don't need recovery medicines in the first place」

「……?」

「My defense powers are 5 you know?」

「……5? Impossible. Being able to survive in this labyrinth with that status……」

「I put all of my status in evasion alright. One hit of the monsters here, if I receive something like that directly……it's "out" in the first place. That's why I don't need recovery medicines」

And, he continued.

「Looking at Ossan's end, it's also true that it's sickening. So then, it would be better to just make you into experience points」

And there, Dryad has completely lost leeway on her expression, and the muscle fibers of her face were filled with tension.

「……eh? What do you mean……? I cannot understand……」

「That's why, I'm telling you it's like this」

"But", Dryad refused to back down.

「……then! I am……I am only doing this for the prosperity of my race……. In fact, I have never sacrificed sources of nutrients that were too much. It is something that I needed to do in order to live……have mercy……」

Pan, a dry sound.

「Reason for monsters? Something like that, I don't fucking care」

The smell of gunpowder enveloped the place at the same time.

After a blink of an eye, *Dosari*, the sound of the girl falling to the ground.

Shot in between her eyebrows, matching the pulse of her heart, red colored blood gushed out like a fountain.

And, Junpei touched Dryad who had died, and did a complete butchery of her corpse.

——Skill【Mimicry (Super-class)】

「That's right, if I have this……when I go outside……they will……」

Words he spoke to himself that has deep meanings, without seeming hesitations at all, he absorbed the skill card.

Other than that, there were a lot of items that has the name Dryad's Tears that had dropped, but it has lost its effects since it was after her death.

It might be of use so he does not forget to put them to his item box at least.

「Well then……」

After he whispered, Junpei took out ten oil pots in total from his item box.

And, the highly volatile liquid, he poured it to the tree as if to hit it with it.

After doing that for two to three minutes, Junpei turned his sight of pity to the man that was hanging there.

「Ossan……are you really……already “out”?」

To Junpei’s question, the man answered while his saliva was drooping.

「aa—……」

A deep.

A really deep sigh.

Junpei took out a flint stone——and, took out his handgun as if to change his mind.

「If I’m going to assist you on your death……it would be better if there was only a little pain right. I will have your experience points as mine. And……Ossan’s skills also. I would never make waste of them」

When he noticed it, tears were overflowing from his eyes.

「Ossan. Thank you. If you were not there……I would've probably died a long time ago……」

And, Junpei turned his handgun towards the hanging man——

——*Pan*, a dry sound echoed throughout.

Bikun, the man convulsed as if his body shook greatly.

The next instance, a huge amount of blood overflowed from his forehead.

While shedding his tears, Junpei moved towards the man without saying any words, and placed his palm on his body.

「——Use【Butcher】skill」

And, the man's body were enveloped by light particles, and changed into skill cards and items.

Junpei reached out to the skill card, and crinkled his expression dubiously.

「Oi……what does this mean……? My【Butcher】is the highest level……on top of that, I wished for that to come out. Then, a hundred percent……that skill should've appeared right? What the hell is happening……」

He threw away the skill card, and Junpei quickly created fire to the tree.

BachiBachi, the sound of the tree burning echoed the surroundings.

After that, he would change this tree into experience points, and go towards the next floor.

And, Junpei had something that he really needed to confirm.

「No……there's no way……but……」

"Either way……", he continued.

「It's something, that I would know soon」

And, in the next floor.

There, he encountered what he did many times before, after moving through floors, the safety area was positioned.

That only means, that it would be difficult to clear the floor, but anyways――

――Junpei, he took the letter that was left there.

And, he ended reading it once.

And then, he collapsed there, and started to laugh while hugging his stomach.

Or maybe, as if his ab muscles were tightening, or as if his muscles were clearly in pain, that kind of laugh, no, a burst of laughter.

His laughter couldn't stop, and to the too much pain on his stomach, he even shed tears.

――Junpei thought.

When he thought of it, being able to laugh like this innocently,

combined with Japan before the trip here……I wonder how long it was ever since…….

Or maybe, this level of burst of laughter, he might never have done before.

For about five minutes, he rolled around inside the safety area, and after he finally calmed down, he wiped his tear with his little finger, and spoke to himself.

「Okay～……I'd continue looking forward from now on」

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Haha～! Brother! It's been a while!

The floor earlier, that was really disgusting!

Both of us, let's use Dryad's Tears very carefully alright!

After all, this senses the biological reaction of Dryad……or rather, with the provision of magic powers, it seems to be maintaining its effects.

If that dies, there's nothing that can be done.

It's just……I was really surprised.

That, man who was being hanged……

――in this world, there's really men who have the same tone huh.

Maybe, within you brothers, there might be ones who thought that that was me.

But, you can be relieved.

In the first place, I have the【Past Peek】skill! Being tricked there is an impossible game in the first place!!!!

I am——no, Ossan will live on forever!!!!!!!

By the way, his true age, he said that it was 25, but I'm a real Ossan!

Well then, continue to look forward from now on alright!

Adios!!!!!

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——and just like that, Junpei let out a sigh, and frankly said.

「But,【Past Peek】huh……I wanted it for a little bit」

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——in some time, in a place somewhere, a dimension far away.

That one, he is called as the treasure hunter that had reached the

highest peak of dimension in the whole history.

And, that one, he was also someone who had a friendship with influential persons all over the world.

And furthermore, that one, as a reincarnation from a different world, one who even have a unique skill.

——In other words, he is the one who was leaving letters in every place of the labyrinth, the cheerful Ossan that was once a NEET.

Returning back to the main topic.

Inside the Interstice Labyrinth, in the middle of a difficult path.

The floor that he reached, it was clearly different to what there was up until now.

First, that floor was filled by the smell of ethanol for disinfection that is familiar to hospitals and etc.

Surrounding walls, floors, and ceilings that were all white. And strengthened glass.

There, it was clearly not of a fantasy world, and it was a place where it would be adequate to call it as something like a modern biochemical research facility.

A corridor that has only one way, the distance was so far away that around the end of it were blurry.

And walls at the right side, and in the left side, strengthened glass

were placed, and you can observe that side from the wall.

First, what he saw first through the glass, were a capsule that has the size where one human individual could be placed inside it, one that is used for cold sleep in SF movies, and human that was sleeping inside the fluids.

Fully, without any gaps, it was a scenery as if eggs of insects were packed in one place.

When he used【Appraisal Eyes】, the ones that looked like sleeping humans, it said that they were homunculus(Also, things other than living beings, the magic tools in this facility, all of them couldn't be appraised).

By the way, the thing called homunculus is an artificial living creature that is created from human sperm and blood cells using alchemy.

KatsunKatsun, the sound of his leather boots made echoed throughout the corridor.

When the next sight to his left side opens, there, one of the homunculus were being hanged in the air while inside the capsule.

And, while inside the capsule where they were still sleeping, just like a coliseum, they were confronting a low class dog type monster that is E-Rank class.

Inside the room that was full of white.

Kisha—, the monster that was about the size of a wolf moved towards the capsule while drooling.

And, from the capsule for cold sleep that enveloped the homunculus, one line of a flash.

Immediately after, *ZusuZusu*, the burnt corpse of the dog were lying there to its side.

He, having a special skill of level estimation, could observe that the homunculus's level raised.

Was that attack done with the homunculus's will, or was that an attack pre-programmed by the machine was unclear, but the decision was it was the homunculus's win.

Without any sound, the homunculus's capsule moved to somewhere, and the corpse of the monster was blasted away by the water flow and wind coming from the ends of the room.

And, the next homunculus's capsule appeared from the ground, and was placed into a fixed position.

Next, a new monster fell from the ceiling to inside the room.

And, the monster moved towards the homunculus, and as if to repeat earlier, it was one shot by the flash.

Treasure Hunter, without knowing anything, all he could do was to watch that scene.

After he watched that for a while, he started to move forward silently.

In the next glass window, D-Rank, in the next glass window to that, C-Rank, and in the next glass window to that again, B-Rank monsters, they were being the victim by the homunculus——precisely, by the capsule that enveloped it.

And he saw the next glass window.

Homunculus and homunculus, they were confronting each other.

「With fully automatic……it means that they can't use monsters more that A-Rank class huh. And leveling up with this kind of way……huh. Really……it's sickening. These homunculi, they probably were already in a cold sleep as soon as they're born…… and would never even wake up……」

Even for him, he raised a voice filled with anger silently, and spit out what was the bone in his throat.

Homunculus that were facing the other homunculus.

Both of the homunculi, his guess was both of them were exceeding level 150.

And an abnormal situation occurred on one of the homunculi.

Kasha, with that sound, the capsule opened itself.

Nuchari, together with fluids, one naked homunculus were thrown to the floor.

That homunculus immediately woke up, but——as the Treasure Hunter had guessed, it was forced to sleep from the time it was born, and this time, it was the first time that the homunculus woke up.

Not knowing the action of standing up, the homunculus could only flutter its hands and feet on the floor where the fluids were spreading.

Confusion, impatience, and anxiety.

To that homunculus that showed that expression, one shot of flash from the capsule.

The homunculus with its bare body became a burnt corpse, and the homunculus inside the capsule had its level go up.

And the scenery on the glass windows after that, homunculus vs homunculus were only continuing.

However, every time he moved forward, the homunculus's levels raised certainly.

And the end of the corridor that he reached.

The level of the homunculus that ended its last fight, it has exceeded 500.

And, the magic circle placed in the middle of the room. The homunculus inside the capsule, moved without sounds, and was placed in the middle of that.

And——after a blinding light, it was teleported to somewhere.

「……most probably, it was sent to the『Clearing Front Line』. Dragon Claw Troupe. It is said that each one of them has an atrocious special unique skill. The kind of humans that are easily exchanged……then, to gain experience……the risk of dying must be extremely avoided. And what was devised there was really, even a baby could kill safely……capsule of experience points huh…… really……what they're doing is sickening」

While holding his light nausea, Treasure Hunter calmed his breathing.

And he placed his hand on the door knob that advances to the next floor.

名前 **武田順平**

レベルアップ: **908 → 999**

取得ボーナスポイント: **455**

ステータス

職 業： **スキル・ハンター** レベル: **999**

ＨＰ： **1840** ＭＰ： **175**

攻撃力: **255**（順平の基本値：5） 防御力: **5**
※サブ武器併用時：245

回避率: **3000**

装備

メイン: **魔獣の犬歯**（神話級）
※神殺しの属性付与

サ ブ： **S&W M57　四十一口径マグナム**（国宝級）
※弾丸の補充は魔力による。強化はなし

マント: **身かわしの羽衣**（賢者装備）
※基礎回避率に常時 1.5 倍のパッシブ

スキル

（スキルスロット残6）

◉ **鑑定眼**（超級）
◉ **全状態異常耐性** ◉ **解体**（超級） ◉ **モンスター・テイム**（初級）
◉ **擬態**（超級）

属性

不死者の王
※体組織変性。不死者と同じく、その体液、血液、及び、肉が強烈な神経毒となる

使役魔

ピュア・スライム ×500
パンデミック・スライム ×15000

Name : Takeda Junpei
Level Up : 908 → 999
Bonus Points Gained : 455

Status

Job : Skill Hunter Level : 999
HP : 1840 MP : 175
Attack Power : 255 (Junpei's basic stat : 5) Defense Power : 5
※Sub weapon equipped :245
Evasion Efficiency : 3000

Equipments

Main : Magic Beast's Canine (Mythological Class)
※Infused with God Killer attribute
Sub : S&W M57 Forty-one caliber Magnum (National Treasure Class)
※Bullets replenished using magic powers. No strengthening
Mantle: Cloak of Evasion (Sage Equipment)
※Passive that increases the basic Evasion Efficiency to 1.5 times

Skill (Skill Slot: 6 Remaining)

Appraisal Eyes (Super-Class)
All Status Ailments Resistance
Butcher (Super-Class)
Monster Tame (Beginner Class)
Mimicry (Super-Class)

Attributes

Undead King
※Changing Body Composition. Just like an undead, its body fluid, blood, and, meat would become a very strong neurotoxin.

Tamed Monsters

Pure Slime x 500
Pandemic Slime x 15000

Epilogue ▼

Right now, the place where Junpei was, was a white mysterious space.

And in front of him who had an amazed face, that Shota God was standing.

「Hey, Takeda Junpei-kun. Originally, this floor is full of homunculus capsules——a sickening scenery was continuing, but let me skip on that. So, instead, I exchanged it to a space where you can talk to me」

「I don't really get what you're talking about, but……well, it's been since earlier, Kami-san yo」

A golden-haired boy that appeared in front of him when he noticed.

From his appearance, about 12-13 years old, a boy that has a very androgynous face opened his mouth.

「Hahaha!! Well, that's really true, but being called as God face to face, as I've thought, it's a little embarrassing」

The God put his middle finger and thumb finger together excitedly, and *Pachiri*, made a snapping sound.

「Oi!!」

Junpei instinctively shrunk his body, and crouched in his place while hugging his head.

——before, Kido was turned into meat chunks by the God's that action, and he even recovered.

He looks like a normal handsome boy……but he is an incarnation of transcendental, cruelty, and innocence.

On top of that, he is ill-natured since he wouldn't have any feelings of guilt on whatever he does.

To Junpei that seemed to be frightened, the God nodded very satisfied.

「Whether that defensive action has a meaning or not, you can be relieved though」

「Relieved……you say?」

「You can think of it as a privilege. For me right now, you are not a pebble beside the road? That's right, from beside the road——you have the value that is a little pretty pebble that has the worth to be picked up. At the least, if I were to kill you, there would be at least a reason to do so」

「To the fact that most of the cases are killed without reason, I'm rather surprised though」

To Junpei's sarcasm, the God tilted his head as if he did not care.

「So, your level almost reaches 1000 right?」

「Ahh, aren't you informed?」

「Well, that is why——from now on, to you, I can use godly powers, and be able to interfere with your body itself to some extent」

「……?」

With a suppressed smile, the God laughed wickedly.

「Well, those circumstances are too early huh. In the festival in this time line——Carnival still hasn't started, so. By the way, have you already met her?」

「Saying damn things that couldn't be understood since earlier..... so, why, for what reason did you appear?!!」

「Ahh, that, that, it's about that. And so, the reason that I'm siding with you.....is simply, there's something that I'm very curious about」

「Curious about.....?」

「——I want to see your revenge play. That is the thing that I have most interest on right now」

Junpei who had a dumbfounded expression, opened his mouth greatly.

「.....revenge play?」

UnUn, the God nodded a lot of times.

「Honestly speaking you know. I don't really mind if you die. Even if you die in the labyrinth, even if you die in the Carnival, or even if you get killed by the guys outside. If it was fun, whichever of those is good. But, you who have reached inhuman level right now, to your classmates once before, and the common people of the outside world, on how you would treat them——just thinking of it, it really is exciting you know!」

「It's up to you if you want to get excited, but, unfortunately, I'm a resident of this damn labyrinth. I can't go outside」

「Un, that's right. But I want you to rampage.....is that how you say

it, well, I want to see how you would go to a rampage」

「That's why I'm telling you, I'm a prisoner of this labyrinth..... you're the one who knows that the best right」

「Un. That's right. But, I want to see」

「That's why I'm telling you that's impo――」

The God stopped Junpei who almost said that with his hand.

「I'm saying it on top of that?」

「Meaning.....what do you want to say?」

「Hey, you?」

「Aa?」

Nikkori, the God laughed with a very innocent smile.

「Do you want me to let you out?」

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